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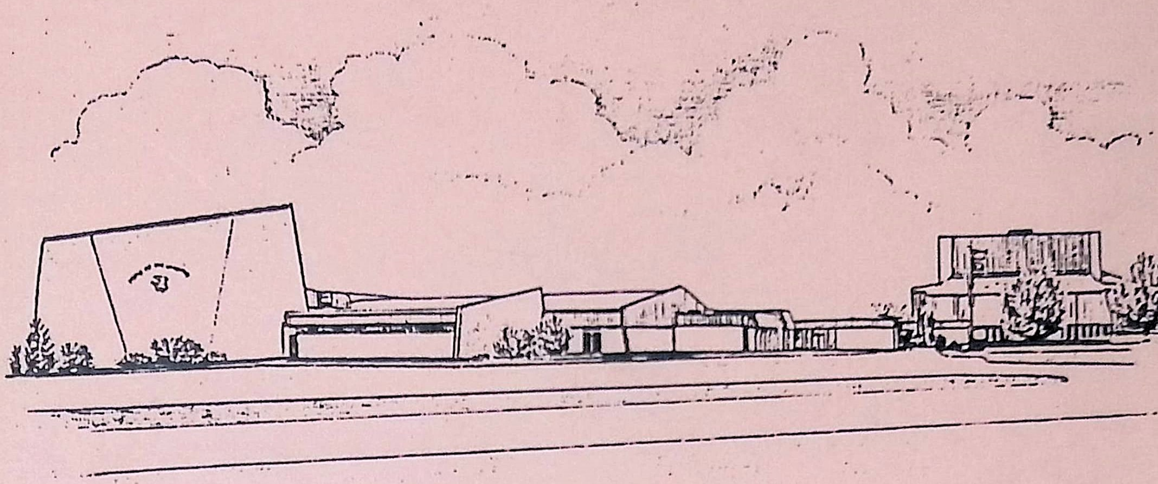

Stories from

North Scott High School

People at work -- Stories from North Scott High School

Welcome to the individual stories of the faculty, staff and administration of North Scott High School.

When Mr. Kielkopf's Journalism I classes started this project late in the first semester, no one realized how extensive it would finally become.

In order to complete the project, Mr. Hennigan's second semester Writing Lab II classes took over and did a tremendous job.

We are proud of the work that our students did in conducting interviews, gathering information and writing it for the public to read in this first-of-its-kind North Scott writing project.

Our thanks goes to everyone who participated in this effort as the subject of an interview. We know that all of you are busy and that filling out the information form and then taking time for the interview itself required some level of sacrifice. It is our hope that seeing this booklet will make that sacrifice worthwhile.

The students who worked on these stories also deserve our thanks. These stories were written as part of the regular classroom requirements in Journalism I and Writing Lab II.

Students were required to gather basic background information on each person. They then used that information to compile a list of interview questions.

The next step was to contact the person to set-up an appointment for the face-to-face interview. During the interview the students took notes that later were written into the stories that appear in this collection.

Students also were required to proofread, edit and re-write their stories, sometimes several times before they were finally accepted.

Even so, you may find typing errors or other mistakes. As in all publications, we have done our best under the circumstances to eliminate errors. We apologize for those which have evaded our surveillance.

A few people we contacted declined to be interviewed. To the best of our knowledge all full-time employees have been included here. If someone has been left out, we apologize and emphasize that it was simply an honest mistake.

Thanks goes to the yearbook production class which provided great help in final preparation of the manuscripts.

We thank the district's Print Shop for the expertise demonstrated in printing, collating and binding this publication in a timely manner.

Here are the stories of the people who work at North Scott High School as captured by student writers.

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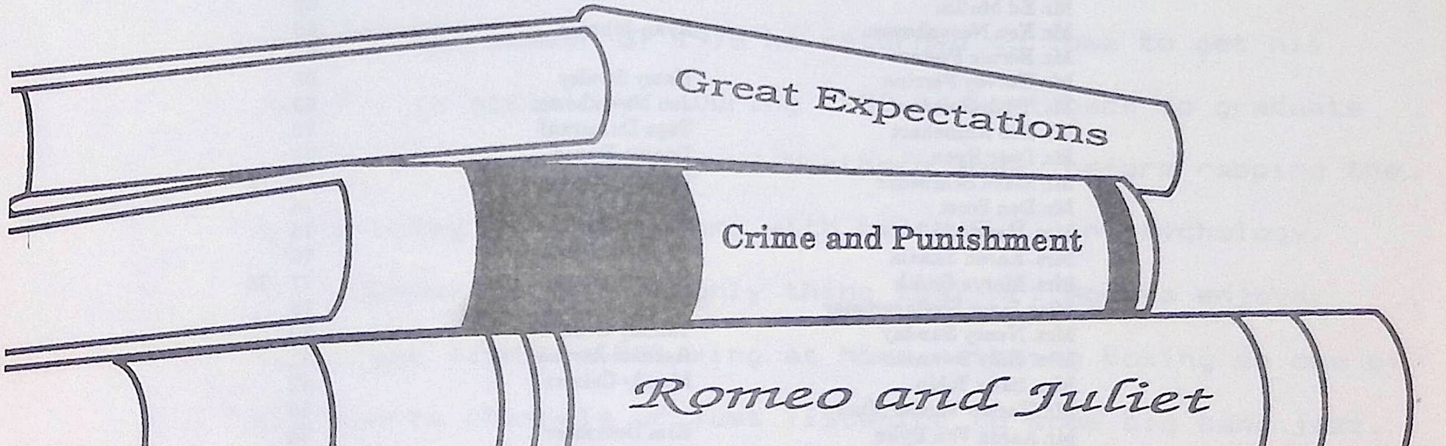

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Mr. Andrew Agosta

Interviewed by Katey Straley
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" Satisfied," is the one word that Andrew Agosta uses to describe himself. What else could be said to explain a 31 year career as a teacher and an education that has continued since the 1930's.

The classes he's taught range from sociology to computer government. He's been at North Scott for 24 years. Other districts Agosta has taught in are Central Catholic High in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Iowa Training School for Boys, Eldora, Ia.; East Greene Community Schools, Grand Junction, Ia.; Iowa Valley Community Schools in Marengo, Ia.; and own high school alma mater, Loras Academy in Dubuque.

He graduated from Loras College in 1958 with a B.A. in education, but his education didn't stop there. He attended one year at the University of Iowa, then spent the summer getting his N.S.F. in science at the University of Georgia. Then, after taking a ten-year, break he attended Western Illinois to achieve a science and education degree.

In the summer of 1978 he returned to Iowa to get his N.S.F. in sociology. During 1980 he went back to graduate school at the University of Northern Iowa, before rapping the whole thing up at Wartburg with his N.S.F. in psychology.

School is not the only thing that Mr. Agosta enjoys. You might find him relaxing at home watching boxing on one of the sports channels or just listening to some big band jazz.

His family includes his wife, Carol, and his sons, Daniel and Thomas.

He enjoys warm climates when traveling but, he says,

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nothing beats cruising on the Mississippi on his boat.

Next year Agosta plans to retire. After twenty-four years of teaching at North Scott, what does this veteran have to say? "Hard work cures all!"

The best things at North Scott, Agosta says, are the staff and kids.

One of his most memorable times here was when he was given the honor of introducing Dr. Freund, a former student, who is presently a philosophy teacher at Clarke College.

He laughs at the embarrassing moment he had when he didn't turn off the clock on time at one of the most important basketball games North Scott played.

His favorite thing about teaching is the variety. "There is something different every day," he said. The only thing he dislikes are the grades. If anything could be changed it would be the attitudes of the students.

Agosta isn't sure about his plans for next year's retirement, but he hopes to be on a beach!

To sum up those 24 years in education, Agosta said, "It was one hell of a ride!"

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Mr. Dan Anderson

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

"Seeing kids succeed," is what Dan Anderson, the band director at North Scott, loves best about teaching. "When they feel good about themselves it makes me feel like I'm making a difference in their lives."

Anderson received his Bachelor of Music Educaton and Master of Arts(trombone performance) at the University of Iowa in 1969.

Through his high school and college career Mr.Anderson held many part-time jobs including grocery stock boy, janitor, painter, bulldozer operator and Fuller Brush salesman.

Conducting the Bob Hope Orchestra, serving as the president of the Iowa Bandmasters Association and being on the board of Iowa Music Education are just a few of Anderson's awards and accomplishments.

His mother had the hopes of him someday becoming a medical student, but teaching has always interested him, even though chemical engineering was there for him to fall back on.

"The longer I teach, the more gratifying," he said. "There's a lot of work, organization, more than I ever thought."

Anderson often stays late after school working with students. The students have full schedules and it is important for them to get a private lesson once a week and so there are times that Anderson must stay until 6.

"I wish to spend more time with my family," he said. "But I enjoy working with kids and so I don't mind working late."

When it comes to school funding, Anderson has some strong ideas. "There should be new laws for school funding. Schools get short changed financially. Teachers never have time to catch up and evaluate their teaching. We need more money, more time."

"students need more worldly insight, but they haven't changed from 20 years ago," Anderson observed. "They now have different things to worry and care about but, students are students."

Morgan Jones, University of Iowa band director, and John Hill had some influence on Anderson. "Their concern about me," he said. "How to approach life, not to be afraid to try."

Anderson describes himself as, tall, balding, romantic, impatient, idealist, impatient, radical, impatient and patient.

"Concerned with who you are teaching, know your area, present it, rapport, honest and fair," summarizes Anderson's philosophy on education.

His philosophy on life is "Be content with what you are doing now and get out of it what you can at the present."

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Mr. Michael Beaston

Interviewed by a
Writing Lab II student

A 1977 graduate of North Scott High School, Michael Beaston is now a custodian at his alma mater. Beaston was also a football letterman for the Lancers.

Beaston has worked at North Scott for 14 years. During that time he has received the district's five and ten-year work awards. He has also become certified in CPR and has completed training in asbestos control.

Michael, 34, has been married to Patricia for 13 years. Mr. Beaston's favorites include pizza, vacations in Missouri and "Star Trek," the TV show.

He also likes light rock music, the movie "Star Wars," and the book, "The Hobbit."

Beaston says the person he admires most is his father and the person he'd most like to meet is "Star Trek's" Leonard Nimoy.

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Miss Linda Behrer

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

"Give 'em a well rounded education." That, said Miss Linda Behrer, a physical education teacher at North Scott, is her philosophy of education.

Behrer graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1982, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree. She then went to the Ohio Community Schools in Ohio, Ill. Her experiences there were followed by teaching jobs at Ray Community Schools in Kearny, Ariz. She is currently in her ninth year of teaching, her fourth at North Scott.

Behrer believes that the best part of teaching is the young people who are involved. She says that even if she weren't a teacher she would still work with young kids as a park and recreation administrator or a similar role.

Behrer believes, however, that students today show less respect to teachers because of the environment they live in. The one thing she would change about students would be to have them be less selfish and more considerate of others.

Behrer thinks that the structure of the school year should be changed to a nine-week on, two-week off structure. She feels that this would give a year-round advantage to students.

During the 1989-90 school year Behrer participated in a cooperative physical education program for the Special Education students here at North Scott. She said that "It was a neat experience. They are a good group of kids who are really honest."

Behrer coaches volleyball and softball. As a matter of fact, most of her summer vacation is spent coaching softball. "I really enjoy coaching," she said. "It has changed a lot. Here in the MAC conference, you are almost forced to work all year round if you want to be competitive."

When Behrer isn't at school, she "relaxes" by participating in many sports and by going on ski trips, whether it be water or downhill. She also enjoys Robert Ludlum books, pizza and Mexican food.

Behrer thinks that in some form or another, she will always be involved with the school program, whether as a teacher or in another capacity because she really enjoys working with young people.

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Mr. Keith Benjamin

Interviewed by Chris Bowser
Journalism I

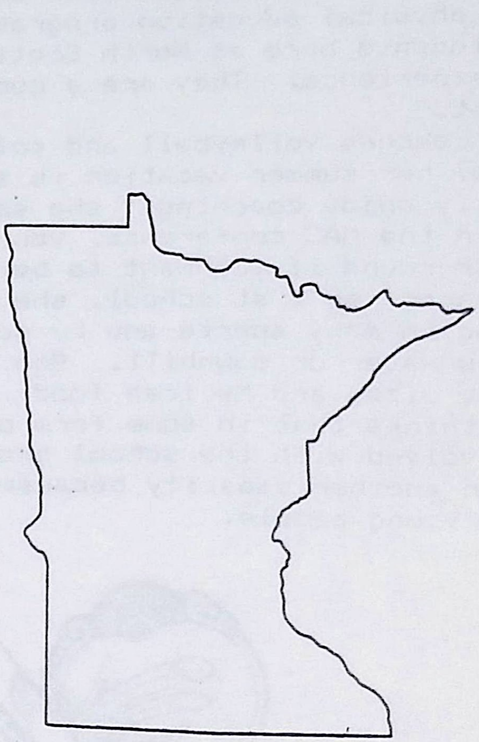
Mr. Keith Benjamin has been a fixture at North Scott High School the past 30 years. There are many reasons why Benjamin teaches, but the main reason, he says, are the new and exciting adventures of teaching the youth of North Scott day after day. He also believes that teachers are the key to a better future, and without teachers the world would be worse off today.

There are things he would like to change though. He would like to go to a year-round schedule with a two week interval between quarters. Benjamin also thinks that students don't take their futures seriously enough and need to think what their lives would be without an education.

His advice to young people is to enjoy every day and to "just say no!"

But perhaps Benjamin is best known for his treks north into the woods of Minnesota and Lake Ada. This is his summertime vacation spot where he enjoys fishing, spending time in the woods, and listening to the call of the loon.

If he had it to do again, he says he would still choose teaching as his profession, but if he had to choose another career, he would choose accounting.



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Mr. Dean Birkhofer

Interviewed by Kathy Bopp
Writing Lab II

Who admires Euclid more than any other person? There is only one person that I know of and he is Dean Birkhofer.

Dean Birkhofer was born in Wilton Junction, Iowa on April 11, 1948. He graduated from Wilton High School in 1966. After he graduated from high school he went on to college at the University of Iowa. He graduated from college in 1972 with a B.A. and a M.A. in education. His philosophy of life is to live it to its fullest and try to do all you can in the time you have. He describes himself as a small town boy that is laid back and left-handed. Mr. Birkhofer does not necessarily think that he has a different personality in and out of school however, he does think that he has different personalities in and out of the public eye. He has a hobby that most people wouldn't think of, he collects antique math books. He also collects baseball cards. During the summers he likes to go on trips, although he doesn't usually leave the midwest. The vacation that he enjoyed the most was going to Can Cun. He has a wife, Gene, and three children: Jeff 21, Tony 19, and Melissa 13. Mr. Birkhofer likes to go out to dinner and eat prime rib. He doesn't watch television very much but when he does he likes to watch Mash and Star Trek. His favorite movie of all time is Ben Hur, but the best movie that he has seen lately is Ghost.

Dean Birkhofer became a teacher because he enjoyed working with young people and thought education was very important. The one thing that he likes most about being a teacher is seeing a student develop confidence and understanding of what he or she is learning. The one thing that he dislikes most about being a teacher is when a student misses class and has to make up work. If he could impress one thing into the minds of his student it would the importance of education. Mr. Birkhofer likes the teachers and students at North Scott very much but wishes there wasn't such a large distance that they had to travel to school and other school related activities. His philosophy of education is very similar to his philosophy of life. He wants to take all of his students just like himself, as far as possible in 180 days, and wants to give them confidence in themselves. The most memorable moment in his life that is related to school was when he was at Regina High School in Iowa City. There had been a girl at the school that had been in intensive care for about a couple of months after being raped and beaten up. When she came back to school there was an aud and everyone in the school was complaining about everything. This girl had the courage to stand up and announce to the entire school that she was just happy to be there. His most embarrassing moment at a school was he had a "slip of the tongue". He takes ideas from all of his previous teachers. He thinks that we don't necessarily need to move the school year to more than 180 days if we could

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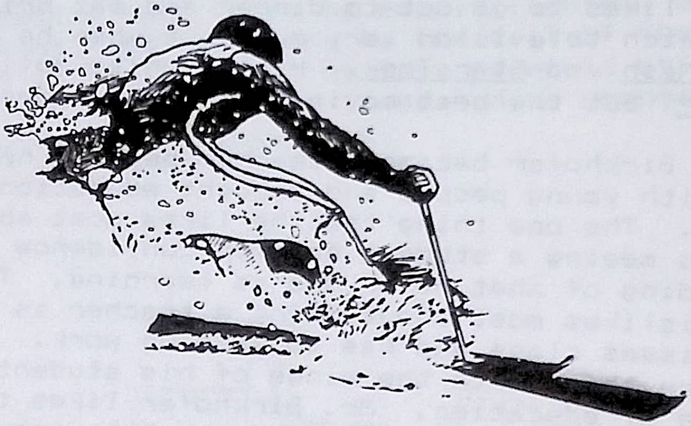
get 180 days of uninterrupted school days instead of having shortened periods and things like that. Dean Birkhofer has taught school for a total of eighteen years, twelve of which were at North Scott. Dean Birkhofer has also taught at Regina High School in Iowa City and Aspen High School in Aspen, Colorado. He says that the one thing that he liked best about teaching in Colorado was being able to go skiing on the weekends.



"**ALL WORK** is noble... A life of ease is not for any man."

-- Thomas Carlyle, 1843

"**BY THE WORK** one knows the workman."

-- Jean de La Fontaine, 1668

"**TEACHERS ARE NOW** asked to do what people used to ask God to do."

-- Jerome Cramer, 1986

"**WE NEED SOME** imaginative stimulus, some not impossible ideal to carry us year after year, without disgust, through the routine work which is so large a part of life."

-- Walter Pater, 1895

"**ONE OF MY** personal ideals is to do the day's work well and not to bother about tomorrow."

-- Sir William Osler, 1905

"**I DON'T LIKE WORK** -- no man does -- but I like what is in work -- the chance to find yourself. Your own reality -- for yourself, not for others -- what no other man can ever know."

-- Joseph Conrad, 1902

"**WORK IS LOVE** made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy."

-- Kahlil Gibran, 1923

"O LORD, SUPPORT us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

-- Cardinal Newman, 1834

Mrs. Joan Boeding

Interviewed by Stephanie Akers
Writing Lab II

Mrs. Boeding is the school nurse, and she has been a nurse in the North Scott School district for eighteen years. She was born on August 24,1929. She describes herself as outgoing, and friendly but regimented. She did not work at any other school before she started nursing at North Scott Schools. Mrs. Boeding graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing at Iowa City in 1950 with her degree as a Registered Nurse. She also was at the University Hospital for her post training before she came to North Scott. Mrs. Boeding's volunteer work consists of helping with Boy Scouts and the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Boeding's has many favorite things. Her favorite book is Clan of the Cave Bears, favorite food is fajitas, favorite type of music is easy listening, favorite vacation is Green Lake, Wisconsin; Houston/Galveston, Texas, her favorite movie is The Quiet Man with John Wayne and her favorite T.V. show is L.A. Law. She also has some favorites like her husband Raymond and children, Jo Ellen Peace age 36, Michael age 34, Susan age 32, and Donald age 25.

Mrs. Boeding is Catholic and attends St. Ann's Catholic Church in Long Grove,Iowa.

If Mrs. Boeding was not a nurse she would be an anesthesiologist. Mrs.Boeding became a nurse because it was something that she had always wanted to do. She told me that if she would ever start over she would still be a nurse. The best thing she likes about being a nurse is the students and the worst thing about being a nurse is the paperwork. Mrs. Boeding said that if she could change the schools of tomorrow it would be to make the students more responsible. She also predicts that Iowa schools would be the same in ten years, but the number of days required would be lengthened. Mrs. Boeding says that the best thing about North Scott is the staff and students are friendly and the worst thing about this school is when people lie to her.

Mrs. Boeding's philosophy of nursing is to care for all people, and her philosophy of life is to have healthful living, but enjoy everyday.

Mrs. Boeding told me that her most memorable experience as a nurse was when she got to see a birth of baby for the first time. The most embarrassing moment is when she yelled at a doctor.

The most influential person in her life was a science teacher. She is not a different person here than she is at home. Mrs. Boeding thinks that we should go to school for a longer period but, have breaks every once in awhile. Mrs. Boeding sees herself in ten years retired and living in the North Scott area.

Some of Mrs. Boeding's hobbies are aerobics, walking, sewing, and gardening. She usually goes to Texas and Kansas City to visit her children and does some gardening and house work during her summer vacation.

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Mr. Jim Boland

Interviewed by Drew Anderson
Writing Lab II

Born April 5, 1945, in Blytheville, Arkansas, Mr. Jim Boland was a shy kid who did not seek attention from teachers. His counselor didn't ever learn his name. He knew teachers who had a personal interest in students and thought he could be like that as a counselor. He said he became a counselor to help people like him. He just wanted to show that all people mean something no matter who they are.

He graduated from Rockford East High School in 1963. At the time he was going to become a minister. In 1971, he graduated from W. I. U. With a B.A and in 1972 he got his Masters Degree. He also served for the Army in Military Intelligence. He is actively involved with his church the First United Presbyterian Church in Moline, and also he volunteered to work with the Boy Scouts of America.

Before coming to North Scott, he worked as a structural test engineer assistant. and at UNI-T- Concrete Products. He also worked in other schools such as W.I.U. Lab School, and Southern Unit Community District #120. He has been teaching since 1972, and he has taught at North Scott for fifteen of those nineteen years.

Mr. Boland is married to a lovely woman named Judy, and they have two children, Jenny, who is 16, and Jeff, who is 12, which are very much a part of Mr. Boland's life. His favorite kind of music to listen to is folk music, and his favorite singers are Simon & Garfunkel. His favorite author is Tom Clancey. Two of his favorite recent movies are Pretty Woman, and Ghost.

If Mr. Boland could start over again he would still be a counselor. But someday he said that he would like to be a counselor or instructor at the college level because the attitudes of students may be different. The best thing about being a counselor at North Scott is working with the students to help make their lives better. Just helping a student gives him the feeling of being useful to someone. The things he likes the least about his job is the paper work of getting all of the schedules figured out for the students, and all of the other paper work he has to do. He thinks that students are a lot different than they were ten or so years ago. More students do not seem to be as self-directed. These days we just sit back and live with it.

What makes Mr. Boland feel the most satisfaction is when students that come back from college, or when students go up to him a just say, "Thanks." So if you ever see Mr. Boland in the hallway tell him "Thank You."

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Mrs. Marcia Bortleson

Interviewed by a
Writing Lab II student

"Bloom where you are planted."

That's the philosophy of life that Marcia Bortleson, North Scott custodian, tries to follow.

Mrs. Bortleson has worked at North Scott since Sept. 14, 1982.

"It was a fluke that I became a custodian," she recalls. "I had never thought of custodial work. I applied for a position as a teacher's aide or an office secretary but there were no openings. There was only this part-time custodian opening. I would not have gone looking for it, but it's been O.K."

A native of Walcott, Iowa, and a 1965 graduate of Davenport West High School, Mrs. Bortleson has attended Black Hawk College and worked in several jobs, including the front desk at the Black Hawk Hotel, a sales clerk at Penney's and Petersen's, a pre-school teacher at the Blue Grass Presbyterian Church, assistant day manager at Shakey's Pizza and assistant secretary at Park View Lutheran Church.

Her volunteer work includes the entry booth at horse shows,the writing center at school and she teaches Sunday School and has been a teacher and superintendent of Vacation Bible School.

Marcia is married to Harold Bortleson. Mrs. Bortleson has two stepdaughters, Roxanne Hobbs, 27, and Christi Baetke, 22.

She has three other daughters, Jennifer Carlstrom, 20, Sarah Carlstrom, 18, and Carrie Carlstrom, 15.

"I like too many foods to choose a favorite," Marcia said. "I also enjoy a wide variety of music, enjoy the T.V. shows 'thirtysomething,' 'Days of Our Lives,' 'Cheers,' 'Coach' and 'Murphy Brown.' My favorite vacation was a Norwegian Cruise Lines trip to San Juan, Aruba, St. Thomas and the British Virgin Islands."

Mrs. Bortleson said the person she admires most is her mother.

"My mother, who died at 48 from cancer, was gracious, loving -- a quiet person with gentle humor. She made each one of us feel important and loved."

Working as a custodian isn't a high prestige position, Mrs. Bortleson said, but "you don't have the stress of bringing your work home with you either."

If Mrs. Bortleson, a Lutheran, could change the public schools, she would "Remove the block against all things Christian and identify the hidden ideologies allowed to penetrate the process of education."

The best things about North Scott, she said, are the students, teachers and staff. The worst thing is the "us against them" situation that sometimes occurs between the staff and administration.

Even though her job is a 12-month commitment, Mrs. Bortleson enjoys weekend activities and special events including the Bix, the fair and the various local festivals. She also enjoys biking, reading, collecting "apples," walks with her daughters and friends and going out to eat with her husband and friends.

It seems clear that Marcia Bortleson is blooming where she has been planted.

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Mr. Brad Bostrom

Interviewed by John Hall
Writing Lab II

If you want to be a real family man then you should take note of Brad Bostrom. Brad works 3 different jobs. One being the custodian at the United Methodist Church in Eldridge, another working as a custodian for the high school, and finally owning his own cleaning business B and J Cleaning. He still finds time to spend with his wife and children.

Brad Bostrom was born on August 9, 1960, in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from North Scott in 1979. The teachers that influenced Brad in his academic career were Mr. Ryan, Mr. Dudly, Mr. Reth and Mr. Vandercar. But most of all he will remember Mr. Agousta because he told him what the real world was like. At the time he didn't believe him but in the end he was right.

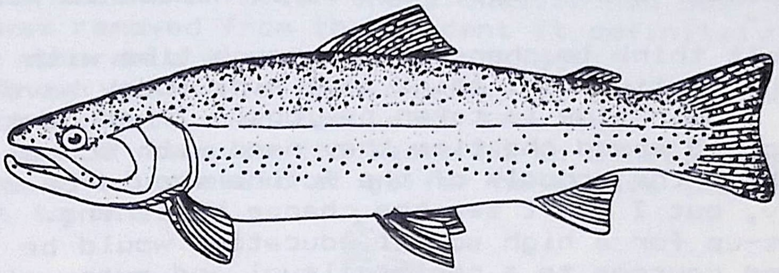
Brad's most embarrassing moment at North Scott was when he went into the boy's locker room to clean and the West Girls Vollyball team was in the showers.

What Brad enjoys bass fish in his free time he especuly likes Lake Jolly Ann in Minnesota, the best. He also likes to work in his garden.

If he could meet anyone it would be Jamie Lee Curtis because she is a good actor. His favorite book is the Bible, he would like to read it cover to cover.

The things that he likes the least at North Scott is the disrespect the students have and the leaking roof.

Brad's philosophy of life is to find a good wife and support her.



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Mr. Mike Brown

Interviewed by Karissa Doyle
Journalism I

Mike Brown has been a science teacher at North Scott High School for 20 years. His home town is Indianola, Iowa.

He graduated from Goldfield High School in Goldfield, Iowa. He graduated in 1967.

Brown graduated from Luther College with his B.A. degree in 1971. He earned his B.S. degree from Northeast Missouri State University.

Brown has held various part-time jobs. He was a grain sampler and he also built campers. The science teacher spends his summers umpiring and being a camp counselor.

Mike's wife's name is Barbara. They have two children. Nathan,12, and Matthew,9. The family enjoys traveling around the Great Lakes in the summer. They also like to go to the Canadian Rockies to camp.

Brown's favorite hobbies include- playing golf, photography, recreational running and spending time reading.

As he sits down to eat his favorite meal, lasagne, chances are he is watching "Mash" or "WKRP". Or, if Mike watches a movie its likely to be "Mash" or "Field of Dreams". He enjoys listening to '50's and '60's rock- and- roll or folk music.

"I think one of the biggest reasons I became a teacher was because both of my parents teach and many of the teachers I had in high school were encouraging to me. I admired so many teachers not just in the science field," Mike said.

Teaching was a good choice Brown believes,

"I like the relationships that develop between the students and teacher. It is not only the students but the faculty and the parents," he stated.

"The worst part of teaching is the paperwork, lunch duty, and the study hall duty. It is a waste of the teacher's time," Brown said, "but it is needed to keep discipline."

"I don't think teachers spend enough time with their students, he contiued. "I think that kids today have too many pressures. Their time is taken by jobs. If students didn't work they could spend the time they need with school."

"I think the schools of the future should be changed drastically, but I don't see the change happening. The perfect set-up for a high school education would be to set the required courses to a certain level and every student goes to school until they reach their level. It could take four years or only two depending on the desire to learn. The class size needs to be smaller so the student can get the help they need."

Students are a lot different now, according to Brown, than they were ten or twenty years ago.

"I think the biggest reason for change of the students

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Mr. Mike Brown

Interviewed by Karissa Doyle
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is the environment. Everyone changes along with the times. Sometimes the change is just easier to adjust to."

Brown thinks the North Scott distict is good. The best thing about North Scott is the people. The students and faculty really make it enjoyable.

"The only problem I see with North Scott is the financial situation."

Brown's philosophy of education is very demanding. He strives to make the students do the best they can. He sets high expectations for the students to get them to be acheivers.

In the classroom Brown may be tough but that doesn't mean there is no fun.

Mike recalls a very embarassing moment in his teaching career.

"It was "Hippie Day" and Mr. Neevenhoven and myself dressed up to surprise my class. I remember on that day I wasn't wearing my usual glasses. We walked into the classroom and I couldn't see very clearly and I tripped over a desk. The whole class started laughing."

Brown recalled a memorable moment at North Scott, too. "It was my first year at North Scott and I remember sitting in my classroom and there was a ruckus outside in the hall. After I told my students to sit down I went out and looked in the hall. As I peeked out I noticed teachers from other classes looking out. Then I heard someone shout, "it's a gun", and all the heads in the hall quickly popped back in. A student from the classroom across the hall had pulled a gun on the teacher. After the situation had been settled and the gun was removed from the student it definitely became the most memorable moment at North Scott."

Brown takes his life one day at a time. He sees himself at North Scott even ten years from now.

But if he ever did leave North Scott, perhaps he would become the professional golfer he always thought it would be great to be.

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Mr. Ron Brown

Interviewed by John Lafferty
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What are the properties of a good teacher? What are the properties of a bad teacher? What must a person do to become a great math teacher at our wondrous school, North Scott High? First you must have a vision. Next, you need an education, a little patience, and last but not least, a big appetite. Mr. Ron Brown posses all of these characteristics (especially the appetite).

To anyone that knows him he is a nice guy. His methods of doing things might not always be followed as in the International Book of Teaching, but are extremely effective. He is the kind of teacher that could make you do something he wants you to when you think you're getting away with something. All in all, he is more than just a teacher to his students, he becomes their friend.

His desire to teach came from two main directions. The first was his high school math teacher, who went to extremes for her class, and knew her limitations and was an outstanding teacher. The second direction would be "to get revenge". Mr. Brown's philosophy of education is teaching a student to be prepared and to have the desire to do more with their life than they ever thought they could, such as have the desire to take more math courses. The thing he enjoys most about teaching is seeing a student understand what is being taught, not to mention writing down zero's in his grade book.

Let's take an inside look at the man inside the teacher. For those of you who don't know his spouse's name is Debbie and his 13 year old son's name is Damian. His home town is the small town of Wyoming, Iowa. Mark this in your calendar 'Buy Ron Brown large bag of Tootsie Rolls' on June 23 for his birthday present. They say you can tell a man's age by the hair left on his head, but in this case I think the hair will lie. He was born in 1953. You figure it out! This young man also has some interesting traits. His favorite food is apple pie. There are a few things he likes to do with his spare time. He enjoys working on his Dodge Ram, going on a quiet fishing trip, listening to the Beach Boys, and sitting down in front of the tube watching M.A.S.H. You might even catch him at an occasional auction or on the 18th hole of the golf course. After giving his teachers fits in high school, he finally graduated in 1971 from Midland Community High School. He then went on to graduate from Western Illinois University where he received his B.S. in education. His other training after that included receiving a coaching certificate and completing 18 hours after his undergraduate degree. What does he do over his summer break? He is a laborer for the town of Eldridge. That means he does things which involve actually physical exertion. He paints streets and mows lawns. I asked him his philosophy of life and he said, " enjoy it, it's too short." His only personality which changes outside of

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Mr. Ron Brown

Interviewed by John Lafferty
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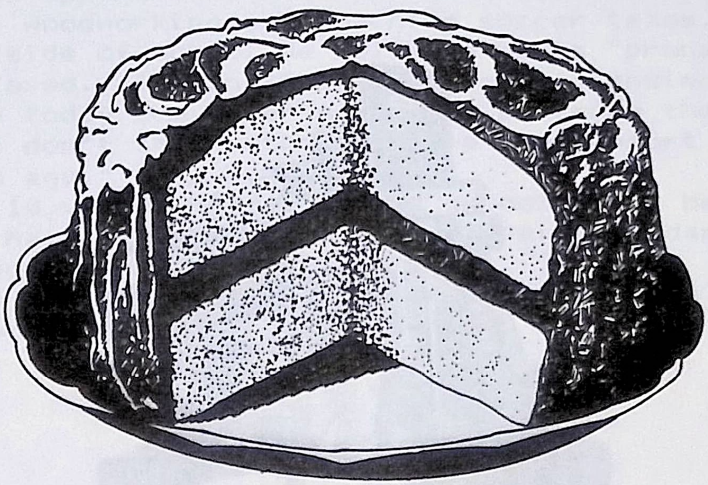
school would be when he's around strangers. How does Ron Brown describe himself? Short and simple, "a perfectionist."

With his 15 years teaching experience (13 of which spent a N.S. and the other two at Morning Sun) I asked what he liked most about North Scott High School. "The freedom in the classroom. I can be king of my class." Along with the teaching comes experiences any teacher could never forget. Mr. Brown is no exception. He told of two experiences that could blush just about anyone. He had gone to pull down the overhead screen and to his surprise he found a _Playboy_ centerfold pin-up. The other could happen to anyone. He wore a new pair of pants to school not knowing that the zipper was broken.

If you ever get a chance to sit down and talk to this guy you'll notice something different every time (beside a missing hair or two). You will notice he has ears that will listen to what you have to say. To come to a conclusion I'll leave you with this thought. Ron Brown wishes to see himself in ten years in the good. Having won the lottery, owning his own business, and having doctor's hours. For your sake I hope you make it, Brown.



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Mr. Quentin Coffman

Interviewed by Heidi Otte
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Having a father who was a teacher as well as a superintendent had a great influence on Quentin Coffman's decesion to become a teacher. Education is a real important issue in his family.

Coffman attended the University of Iowa and earned a degree in Library Science.

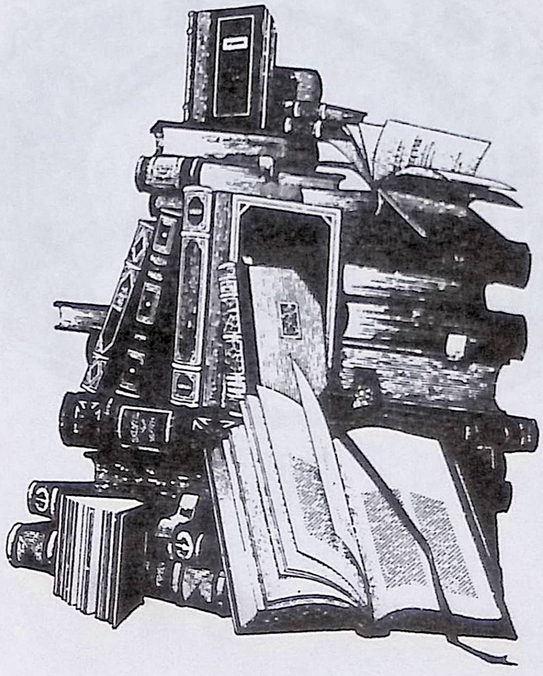
When summer vacation rolls around the Coffmans usually pack up and head out for a fun filled vacation to some unique place. One year Kathy, his wife, wanted to trace her heritage so they traveled to Europe. Vienna, Austria was where it is located. They got to the village and no one ther could speak English. In Vienna they were walking the streets in the dark looking for a hotel. Coffman said that was a scary experience, due to the fact that it was getting dark and they could not find a room in a city that they were totally unfamiliar with.

Coffman's hometown is Guttenburg, Iowa. He graduated from Guttenberg High School, in 1963.

Jobs other than teaching that Coffman has held are being a part-time busboy and a full time waiter while in college.

Coffman's most admired person is Benjamin Franklin. The person he would most like to meet is Jesus Christ.

As you can see Mr. Coffman is a very interesting person, so if you want to ask him about his European vacation you'll have to catch him in the library.



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Mr. Gene Conrad

Interviewed by Mike Banks

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"For all of us to learn, we must be very active in the learning process." says North Scott English Department Chairman Gene Conrad. "The best thing about North Scott is its involvement with and support of the teachers and schools."

He isn't saying the schools here are perfect, though. "I'd like to see students recognize the need for what they are doing and what they're here for. Students need to show respect for the educational process."

Even so, Conrad still enjoys teaching and likes to be "surrounded by literature and writing. I'm lucky to be in one of the better school systems in Iowa."

But teaching, like everything, has its bad points. "The homework is never ending," he says. "Sometimes I just want a break from it."

Despite all the work, Conrad still likes teaching, but he "would like to try other things." One thing he would like to do is write questions (answers) for "Jeopardy!"

Teaching does have its advantages, and one of these is the long summer vacation every year. Conrad travels to historic sights or sights of natural beauty during the summer and tries to visit at least two or three significant places every year. Past vacations have included Antitiem and the Grand Canyon.

Conrad describes himself as "easygoing, cooperative, restless, active and anxious to keep busy." His desire to be active is apparent by his various hobbies: bike riding, reading, woodworking and coaching soccer teams.

Outside of school he believes he is "probably a little more relaxed. I think there's a lot of tension in school. Students today are under much more pressure than they once were. I don't think students have the support they did 10 or 20 years ago."

In 10 years, he feels Iowa schools will be "much like what we have now. I think people feel it's dangerous to mess with school structure."

And where does he see himself in 10 years? "I see myself working with students."

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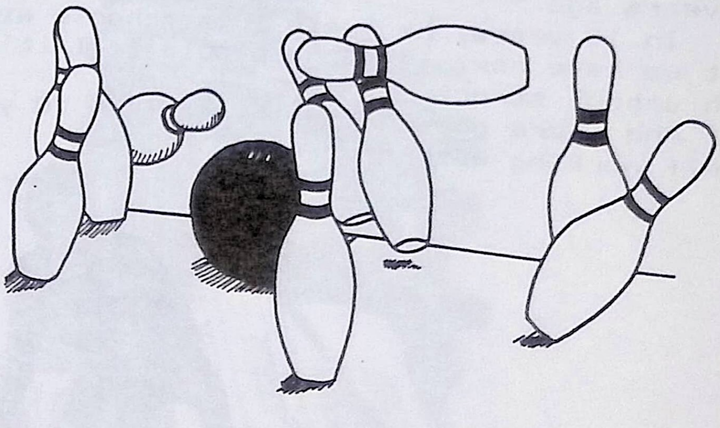
Mr. Dale Dammann

Interviewed by Shawn Huffman
Writing Lab II

Dale Dammann, one of our custodians at North Scott High School was born on 2/13/53. He grew up in Eldridge, Iowa. He graduated from North Scott in 1973. One of his accomplishments in high school was earning a letter in North Scott Singers. He went on to Scott Community College for a year in 1973. Dale is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Dale started working at the high school in 1978 . He's been working here for 13 1/2 years.The reason he became a custodian is that he felt good knowing that he was helping the teachers and students to have a nice clean place to learn. He likes the pay and cleaning. The things he doesn't like is working 2nd shift and when kids break stuff. He would change schools if he had the chance. He thinks students are nicer now then ten years ago. If he could change students he would stop the 20% of them who write on the tables. Dale would also make harder rules for the kids so they would grow up to be better people. The best thing he likes about North Scott is the free passes he gets to plays and games. One of the things he hates about the school is when he is done cleaning the school on a Friday and teams come back from a game and dirty it up again. One of his most embarrassing moments is when he was cleaning the girls bathroom and girl came in did her job and didn't know he was there until she went back out. The moment he will remember the most is when he was cleaning lights in the boys bathroom and stepped right in to a bucket of scrub water.

Some of his hobbies and interests out of school are country music, bowling, dancing, singing, movies, and swimming. Favorite foods are hamburger, steak, and potatoes.



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Mr. Randy Denner

Interviewed by Tammy Stolpe

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"The best part of teaching is being able to interact with young people and share my ideas with them," says Randy Denner, history teacher. "For the most part students have a powerful freshness about them, positive attitudes and a great amount of energy."

Denner, originally from Waverly, Iowa, graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock High School. In high school, Denner was an avid sportsman. His senior year he was named second team all-conference in basketball and led his school's conference in scoring. He was also named first team all-conference in baseball. All this and a near perfect 4.0 grade average set Denner in good shape for college.

With intentions of a mathematics major Denner entered Luther College in Decorah.

"Math was my best subject in high school but calculus made absolutely no sense to me in college," Denner says. "I decided to change my major to history."

Not only did Denner major in history but also minored in physical education and coaching.

"Initially I got into teaching for the coaching perspective," Denner says. "My father was a coach and teacher for 40 years. I literally grew up in a gym. Athletics was my life."

This is evident when you know Denner was a four-year Varsity letter winner in both basketball and baseball at Luther.

The Luther basketball team made a trip to Iceland Denner's sophmore year of college.

"It was a tremendous experience," Denner says. "Iceland was in its infant stages of a national basketball team. They toured the United States playing and learning about the game. Luther made a return trip to Iceland and played eight games. We were treated like royalty."

Denner did his student teaching at Decorah Junior and Senior High Schools his senior year at Luther and went on to gain his master's degree in education.

Upon graduation, Denner assumed his position as history teacher at North Scott and has been here for 15 years.

"I feel students today are faced with many more problems than they were ten or 20 years ago," Denner continued. "Many are forced to work to help support their families and the fear of AIDS and drugs is also there. They have a lot of stress."

Outside of school, Denner is the boy's varsity golf coach, assistant girl's varsity basketball coach and popcorn critic.

"During basketball season I usually don't have time to eat supper," says Denner, "so I end up eating popcorn at the games. Central DeWitt and Bettendorf High Schools have the best popcorn in the area. North Scott needs to add more butter to theirs. I know that's not good for your cholesterol but it's great for the taste!"

During the summer months Denner likes to spend time with his family.

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Mr. Randy Denner

Interviewed by Tammy Stolpe

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"In the summer I play 'Mr. Mom' for my daughters (seven-year old Erin and two-year old Kayla)," says Denner. "It's an awful big job because I'm not very good at it. My wife, Sue, works full-time at St. Luke's Hospital which leaves me a lot of extra time with my daughters. In June they have summer school and swim lessons, July is the family vacation and in August I'm an announcer for the girl's varsity softball games."

Denner's children may look to him for guidance but Denner himself looks up to John F. Kennedy.

"I would love to meet Kennedy because of the charisma, humor and intelligence he exercised when he was alive," Denner says. "It would be great to be able to sit down and talk with him about previous presidential administrations. I could share some of his insight in my classrooms."

Denner sees himself at North Scott ten years from now teaching government and world history and coaching boy's golf and girl's basketball unless his wife "threatens him otherwise."

"The best part of the North Scott school system is the people," Denner says. "The staff is real supportive of the students and the administration is equally supportive of the staff. The community has come to expect the best of both the students and the staff which makes a good atmosphere to work in. A book is a book and a building a building but it's the people in the system that make the school run."

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Mr. Jack Dudley

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

North Scott industrial arts teacher Jack Dudley became a teacher because he "enjoys helping people learn about things that I enjoyed as a student." If he was not a teacher, Dudley would like to have been a mechanical engineer, but if he could start over again he says he would still choose to be a teacher.

Dudley enjoys "seeing the light bulbs light up in students' eyes" most about his job. He dislikes "openly uninterested students" and discipline problems most about his job.

If he could change anything about today's schools he would like to have more time to prepare for his classes.

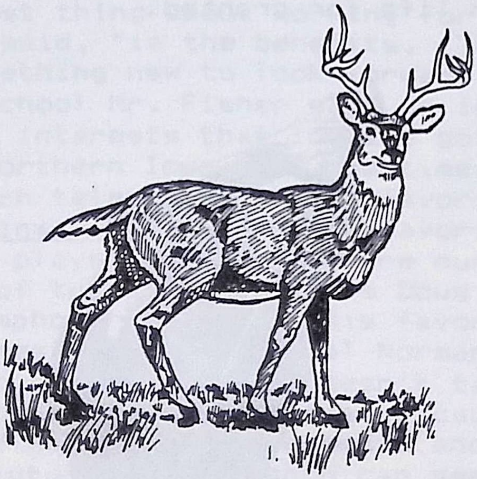
"It would also be helpful if class sizes were adjusted to the abilities of different students," said Dudley.

Dudley feels the best things about North Scott are the student body and excellent teaching staff.

"The worst thing about North Scott is the drop in student enrollment and problems caused by that," said Dudley.

"My most memorable experience as a teacher was the open house in 1978 for the house the carpentry class built," he said. "I received so many compliments and it made both the class and myself feel very proud."

Dudley spends his summer vacations catching up on odd jobs at home and getting things ready at school for the new year. If he has time he enjoys hunting and fishing.



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Mr. Dick Erps

Interviewed by Shelli Musal & Jenny Keppy
Writing Lab II

Babysitting his daughter, Brittany, who is three, and teeing off on the golf course are what Dick Erps enjoys outside of his daily job here at North Scott High School. While most of us are enjoying our summer vacation, Dick is still here at school doing his normal routine. During the short vacation he does receive during the summer, Dick enjoys being outside in the nice weather and traveling.

The things Dick like best about being a custodian here at North Scott are his job security, the money, and the benefits he receives, but most of all the nice people. But if there was one thing he could change, it would be that he could have more respect from the students and more modern facilities to work with. In Dick's opinion, students have changed a lot from 10 years ago. Most of all, the freshmen are more immature than they used to be. Dick feels that the 180 day school year at North Scott is long enough, and that changing the school year to 200 days would not be a decision he would support.

Dick graduated from North Scott High School in 1975. He grew up in McCausland but has lived in Eldridge for the past 10 years. His wife's name is Kim, and he has one daughter, Brittany. His birthday is the 17th of November. His favorite food is pizza, his favorite TV show is M.A.S.H., and his favorite basketball team is the Bulls. If he had one wish in the world, he would want to travel a lot to warm places. If he could take the place of one person in the world, it would be George Brett, the first baseman for the Kansas City Royals. Dick feels the easiest way to get through life is to take one day at a time and not to take the good things in life for granted.

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Mr. Doug Fisher

Interviewed by Sara Brockhouse
Writing Lab II

On August 9, 1950, Douglas D. Fisher was born. He grew up in Dewitt, Iowa. Mr. Fisher went to Central Dewitt High School, he participated in baseball for 4 years, and football and basketball for 2 years. He also participated in boys glee and mixed chorus. Mr. Fisher graduated from high school in 1968. In 1974 he went to Saint Ambrose College. He got his degree as Industrial Management. In 1976, Mr. Fisher graduated from college. Other post-high school training included, machine repair apprentice at Catapillar Tractors.

All of his hard work in school paid-off, from 1968-1972, he served in the United States Army working with Hawk Missle-Air Defense. From 1972-1980, Mr.Fisher worked for Red Jacket Manufacturing as an inventory control supervisor. His occupation from 1980-1983 was a machine repair apprentice at Caterpiller Tractor. When he was laid off, he came to North Scott High School and is presently occupied as the head custodian.

In 1972, Doug married, and considers it a great accomplishment to survive 19 years of wedded bliss. That same year Doug and his wife, Sandra, had twin boys, Dereck and Daryl. Two years later they had their last child, Andrew, who is now 17 years old.

Being head custodian at North Scott High School for almost 8 years, Mr. Fisher has seen great changesin not only the school, but also in the students. He thinks that the students have became more "rowdy", and less respectful of others property. As far as physical changes at the school, Doug wishes that he could move the band and chorus rooms to the auditorium.

"The best thing about working for North Scott High School," he said, "is the benefits. The work is easy, and there is something new to look forward to everyday." Outside of school Mr. Fisher said he is less reserved, enjoying his interests that include golfing, and trout fishing in northern Iowa, and sometimes in Canada. He also likes to watch television. His favorite shows are, Twin Peaks and China Beach, which his favorite character is Kathryn, who plays that part of the nurse. Classical music is the type of tunes that catches Doug's ears. Davorac and New World Symphony are two of his favorites. Some people that he admires most are General Norman H. Schwarzkopf, a take charge type of guy, who doesn't take any guff. Another admired person is Lee A. Iacocca, because he's very outgoing, and he says what he means and means what he says.

In the future, Doug Fisher can see the school year being all year round. He sees himself owning his own business, such as a small bait shop, with a sign that says "Gone Fishin'".

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Mr. Paul Flynn

Interviewed by Andy Brus
Writing Lab II

Paul Flynn was born on February fourth, 1959, and grew up in the town of Madrid, Iowa, where he went to school. He graduated from Madrid Community High School in 1977.

To earn money he held part time jobs while going to school such as working as a gas station attendant, and another time he had the job of a golf course maintenance person at a local golf course. One of his previous full-time jobs before he became a teacher was working at the Hawkeye Lumber Company. He enjoyed working there, and now enjoys doing wood working as a hobby, but doesn't have as much time to spend doing it as he would like to. He had also worked full-time at the St. Louis Orthopedic Sports Medicine Center in St. Louis.

Mr. Flynn enjoys listening to music from Boston, and drinking a Pepsi while watching M.A.S.H. on T.V. He has also worked as a volunteer in the American Red Cross.

After high school Mr. Flynn attended the University of Iowa, and graduated in 1982. While there he was a member of the student trainer association and was the head student trainer at the university. Also he was given the honor of being the president of the Iowa Athletics Trainers Society. While attending the university he received his Bachelor of Science degree, and then proceeded to follow his teaching career. He originally wanted to be just an athletic trainer but needed a major in teaching to get his minor in athletic training. Mr. Flynn has taught for a total of 6 and 1/2 years, 6 of which have been at North Scott. The part that he likes best about teaching is working with the kids. But one thing he does not like is all of the paper work that has to be done, especially around the end of the quarter when grades come out. In his opinion he doesn't feel that extending the school year 20 days would be that beneficial for the students.

Mr. Flynn is happily married to his wife Erin. They have two children at home Megan 5, and Andrew 2, who they both enjoy very much.

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Mrs. Karen S. Frieden

Interviewed by Kelly Roberts
Writing Lab II

Ms. Karen S. Frieden's hometown is Davenport, Iowa. She was born on May 11, 1952. She graduated from Davenport West High School in 1970. Her post high school training includes Secretarial courses. She is enrolled in Teiyko University for the fall semester of 91'. While she was in high school she worked at several places. Her first job at 16 was at the Tastee-Freeze, in Davenport, followed by a job as a sales clerk at The Fashion, in downtown Davenport. Other jobs include Crescent Baking Company- which she quit after 1 month. She also worked as a waitress at the Plaza Cafe in Clinton, Iowa for 5 years.

Right now she is going through a divorce. She has two sons, Jeremy 14, and Joshua, 8. Along with going through a divorce she is trying to handle being a single mother working a full time along with everything else. She is a very strong woman and will make everything work.

Karen enjoy's doing volunteer work which includes working in and around churches and also with school. She likes working with people and also with kids. She has been with the North Scott School District for 12 Years. She is looking forward to her sons graduating and seeing what they will do in the future for their careers and lives.

Some of her favorite foods are food: Fried Chicken/ and Chocolate, Music: Pop/ Rock (Barbara Streisand), Book: Poetry collections, Movie: On Golden Pond, and her favorite T.V. show is I Love Lucy. Her favorite vacation was when she and her family flew to California, and stayed 2 weeks with her relatives. While there she travled around the state and went to many attractions, then spent 1 week traveling back and sight seeing with her family, in her dad's motor home. The person that she would most like to meet is Tom Cruise.

Karen says that the best thing about North Scott is the kids. The worst thing about North Scott is the image that is sometimes portrayed by other schools. Thinking that we are only a farm school. In 10 years from now she thinks that the schools will be far more advanced than they are now and that the demand for a better education will as will the reqirements to get a diploma or degree. She sees herself 10 years from now as having further her education and then seeing her younger son graduating. Most important, she is hoping that in the future her life will be more stable.

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Mrs. Carmene Granger

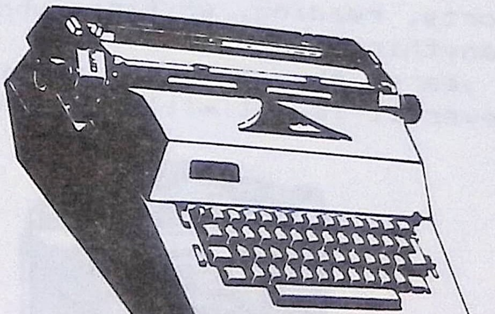
Interviewed by De Laine Perry

Writing Lab II

Mrs. Granger is a business teacher in the North Scott School District at North Scott High School. If she wasn't a teacher, she would work in public relations or be in the country music budiness. Her majors was Business, and her minor was Biology. Her encouragement to become a teacher came from her shorthand teacher in high school. She says that if she could become a teacher all over again, she would. The best thing she likes about teaching is the students. If she could change one thing about the students, she would change the students attitude to a more serious one. She thinks that the students are more sophisticated and have more to deal with than 15 years ago. She also thinks that the best thing about North Scott is its size and students. The worst thing about North Scott is all the paperwork that comes with the job. She doesn't think there should be a 180-day school year because there would be to much pressure on the students and teachers. She has taught 26 years and 20 of them have been at North Scott.

The most embarrassing moment of her career is when a class of hers was passing a Christmas card around the room and she got angry with them and the card was for her. Her hobbies are country music trivia and reading. Her favorite foods are rolls, donuts, and peanut M@Ms. Her favorite vacation spot is Nashville, TN, during Fan Fair. Her favorite book is The Thorn Birds and her favorite movie is Tender Mercies. Her Favorite TV show is Nashville Now. She listens to Country Music and her favorite singer is Randy Travis, Garth Brooks, and Gene Watson.

Her husband's name is Robert, and she has 2 children: Brian, 21 and Mike,20. Her hometown is Davenport and she graduated from Davenport High School in 1960. She graduated from UNI in 1964 with a B.A. Degree. She has held part-time jobs such as a clerk in a variety store and playground director for Davenport Parks. Her full-time jobs include a secretary at a music store.



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Mrs. Marcia Hartman

Interviewed by Tammy Stolpe
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"I'm a pretty easy going person," said Marcia Hartman, mathematics teacher. "I really don't think many people know me well. I pretty much keep to myself. I'm a person who doesn't like conflict and constantly keeps myself busy."

Hartman, originally from Clinton, Iowa, graduated from Clinton High School. In high school Hartman played tennis as a sophomore and golf her junior and senior years.

While in school, Hartman worked as both a candy striper and for an orthodontist. Upon graduation Hartman had plans for a career as a dental technician. Her parents had their own ideas.

"When I went to school there were three jobs thought socially acceptable for women," explains Hartman. "You were either in nursing, secretarial work or teaching. That's where my parents thought I belonged. I didn't like the idea of sitting behind a desk all day and I can't stand the sight of blood so I chose teaching."

From high school, Hartman began her college career at the University of Northern Iowa as a physical education major. After her freshman year she transferred to Iowa State University and doubled her major, adding mathematics.

Hartman excelled both in and outside of school. Carrying a near perfect 4.0 grade average, she participated on the Iowa State women's golf team her junior and senior years. She was also selected as a member of the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, a national honors program based on academic excellence.

She later went on to complete her graduate work at Iowa State.

Upon graduation Hartman joined the North Scott teaching staff as a mathematics teacher and girl's varsity golf coach.

"North Scott is a fine school system," Hartman says. "It has an excellent staff, good curriculum and you don't find near the drugs and problems that you would in an inner city school."

"The weakest part of the district is the size," Hartman continued. "Because of declining enrollment we are forced to lose good teachers and student electives."

Besides teaching, Hartman keeps herself busy as a coach. She has been the girls varsity golf coach for 14 years and was the boys varsity golf coach for four years. She received the "Coach of the Year" award for girl's golf in 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1989. Her girls team has made the trip to state four times.

Away from school Hartman likes to play golf, run, fish, camp and spend time with her husband David and sons Jason, 13, and Justin, 9.

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Mrs. Marcia Hartman

Interviewed by Tammy Stolpe

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"I feel I have a different personality outside of school than I do in school," Hartman says. "I think every teacher does. You almost have to to survive. Of course there are always a few students you can open yourself up to."

Those students aren't always easy to come by.

"Students today compared to years ago lack respect for their elders," Hartman says. "The problem doesn't come at school but rather in society where they are raised. Kids expect things to be handed to them, which leads to a lack of motivation and desire.

"Every new day should have some value to you," says Hartman. "You need to accomplish something no matter how small."

"It's hard to succeed in today's world without an education," Hartman continued. "Students need to look at high school as a preparation for their futures. If you stop learning you will come to a stalemate. Put simply: Education is Everything!"

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Mrs. Bev Hartwig

Interviewed by Emily Hedges & Paula Lavender
Writing Lab II

Guess who went to teen hops, cruised the one ways, and went swimming at the local pool for their favorite teen passtimes? This mystery person is Mrs. Hartwig. When she was a teen she didn't always goof off. She had a job at the car-hop where the teens hung out. She also detasseled in the summer. When she went to college, she waited on tables near her college to help pay for her tuition at the University of Northern Iowa, where she got her B.A. in special education, and her M.A. in multi-categorical-special education.

During college she married Larry Hartwig. They have four children Todd-24, Trent-20, Tory-17, and Tasha-11. Now a days she works as a volunteer as a Stephens Minister at Salem Luthern Church in Moline. She also works as a Special Olympics coach for North Scott. Doing the Special Olympics she had her most embarrassing moment. While coaching swimming this big kid came up behind her when she was watching the other kids, and he picked her up and threw her into the ten foot end of the pool. It wouldn't have been so embarrassing for her if she wasn't wearing all of her winter clothing. When she isn't working or volunteering she is traveling, attending swim meets, or jogging.

She has taught for 17 years, and seven of those have been at North Scott. The rest have been in Ceder Falls, and Pleasant Valley. Some of the things she likes best about North Scott is the students and the faculty. The worst thing she said about North Scott was the cold rooms and the fact that the special education students don't have enough classes. What has got her through all the of the years is her philosophy in life: " work the hardest you can to achive your goals."

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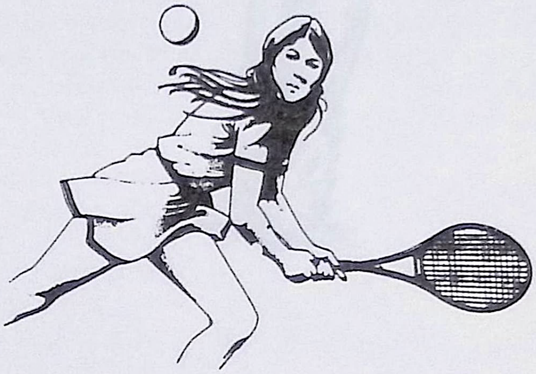
Mr. John Hawley

Interviewed by Elena Diveley
Writing Lab II

Mr. Hawley had a very great life before he majored as a teacher. He lived in Cedar Falls part of his life. He attended the high school of Northern University High, and graduated in 1983. In high school he received 7 varsity letters, all conference in tennis and basketball, also 3 years on the honor roll. The part-time jobs that he held were working at Hardees, coaching, and detassling. He attended the University of Northern Iowa. At college he received 4 letters in tennis, and was named all conference his senior year.

Mr. Hawley is married to a fine wife, Kim. They are very happily married. They are expecting a child the 5th of August. They are Catholic.

Mr. Hawley is a foreign language teacher at North Scott High School. He has taught here for 3 years, and loves it here a lot. He became a teacher because he loves children. The best thing about teaching to him is his relationship with students. He loves to tease them or joke with them. What he likes about the North Scott district is the way people here make him feel very welcome, and the best thing about the school is the way the faculty is welcoming and caring. Mr. Hawley's most embarrassing moment here at the high school is when Elena Diveley dressed in his class room as he was walking in; he didn't see anything, but he just couldn't believe it! His most memorable moment here is when he was getting married, some students came and some gave money to him. (class of 1990) He's a person who enjoys life, humor, and loves to have FUN. His philosophy of life to everyone is "Don't Worry Be Happy!"



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Mrs. Glendena Heiman

Interviewed by Jenny Birtell
Journalism I

"I'm always busy. I like people. I like to get things done."

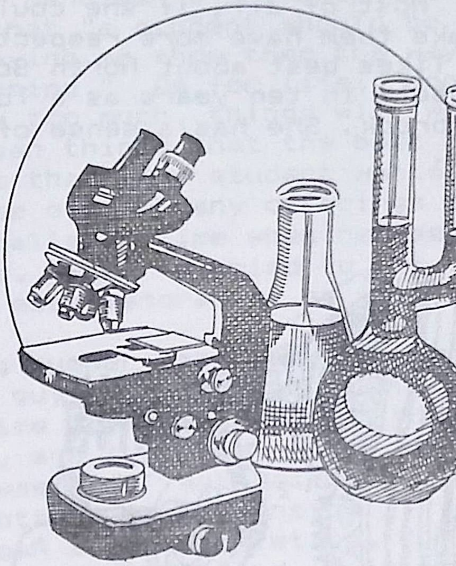
That's how Mrs. Glendena Heiman described herself.

Heiman has taught at North Scott for 25 years. She taught home economics for 20 years and currently teaches science.

Heiman has adjusted to the science scene and says that like herself, young people need "to be prepared for more than one career in a lifetime."

She has seen the attitudes teenagers have towards furthering their education change. For example, she believes that girls today are not only opting for college, but are planning ahead by taking an academic load geared for post-secondary success.

When Heiman finds spare time she enjoys keeping busy with creative sewing and crafts.



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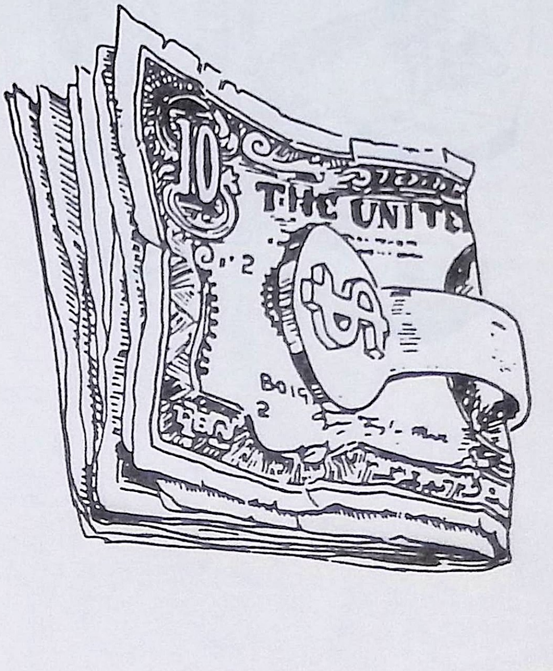
Mrs. Joyce Hengl

Interviewed by Clint Maher & Terry Cary
Writing Lab II

Joyce Hengl was born January 1, 1956. Now she has four children, the first of the four is Heather, who is eighteen; then Heath, who is sixteen, then their is Heidi, fourteen, and last but not least, Hillary who is now nine. Rock & Roll is Joyce's favorite type of music. A few of her favorite artists are Mariah Carey, M.C. Hammer, and Phil Collins. Her favorite food is Mexican, and her favorite vacation spot is Great America. She is a big fan of Stephen King books; her favorite one is Pet Cemetary. Her favorite movie is Gone With the Wind, she loves the romance. Her favorite TV show is Rescue 911. The person she admires the most is Mayra Smith. The person she would like to meet the most is Richard Gere. The reason she is in such great shape is because she trains at Depapers Gym six days a week.

Joyce became a custodian because of her great love of children and she thought it would be a good job. The reason she thinks being a custodian is a good job is because she doesn't have somebody looking over her shoulder every second.

But she also says being a custodian has some bad points like cleaning toilets. If she could change the school tomorrow she would put in a pool! Most of all, if she could change the students she would make them have more respect for the building. The thing she likes best about North Scott is the teachers. Joyce sees herself in ten years as a lottery winner and living in Deerbrook. She has a sense of humor and is a very outgoing person.



Mr. Dennis Hennigan

Interviewed by Mindy Thornton
Journalism I

When asked where he sees himself in ten years, Dennis Hennigan, English teacher, simply replied, "In D-14."

Hennigan graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1975, earning his B.S. in English Education. After college he taught at Kuemper High School in Carroll, Iowa, for three years. Then he came to North Scott and has been teaching here for 13 years.

Hennigan believes the best thing about teaching is that, "something different occurs quite often and I like the interaction among students and seeing their different reactions."

Hennigan thinks that school should not be so structured. "Classes should not have to be fifty minutes a day, every day," he says, "Maybe we could, in my classes such as Twentieth-Century Lit., have a few stories to read over a three-day period, and not meet in class, and then come back for one day to discuss them all. I don't think that we need to sit in class everyday and just read."

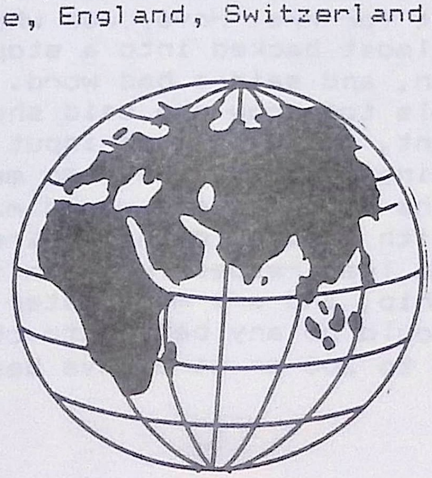
As for Hennigan's philosophies on education and life, he thinks that "a student should be given the opportunity to learn by having me show them the way, but let them do the actual learning." As for life, "don't get too worked up and don't worry too much, things will work out in the end."

Hennigan thinks that the best thing about North Scott is the fact that if a student wants to do something, they can, because of the many offerings here.

He recalls on time when he was lecturing and his leg fell asleep. When he tried to get up, he fell down. "That's my most memorable, as well as most embarrassing moment."

During summer vacation, the "easygoing, modest, dependable guy with a sense of humor," as he put it, likes to spend time with his family. His family consists of his wife, Joan, and two sons, John, who is almost three, and Nick, who was born last December. They all go to his wife's parents' cottage in Wisconsin.

Hennigan enjoys athletics, cooking, and traveling. He as been to France, England, Switzerland, Italy and many states.



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Mrs. Judy Hovey

Interviewed by Angela Hatch

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Mrs. Judy Hovey was born on June 12th, 1946. Her hometown is Long Grove, Iowa. She is a Catholic and attends St. Ann's, where she was a volunteer CCD teacher. She was also a volunteer Boy Scout Leader. The person that she most admired was her husband Don, and always will! she had a choice of who she would meet she said, "It would be Christ." Some of her favorites include: food - (barbeque) pizza and chicken, music - christian - or - 50's music, vacation - Arkansas and New Jersey, book - The Bible, movie - Driving Miss Daisy, and t.v. show - Cosby. Her education includes graduating from North Scott in 1964, AIC - Key punch training, and Business school. Mrs. Hovey has had many different jobs some including; a waitress part time during high school. Mrs. Hovey also has been a medical assistant for 3 1/2 years working with Drs. Ron and Bill Hofmann, ophthalmogist, and Dr. Dan Bovenmyer for 1 year. Then she left to go raise her family.

Mrs. Hovey's family is very important to her which had some impact on her becoming a teachers aide, because then she would have the same schedule as the kids. With summers off the Hoveys enjoy going swimming, fishing, camping, and going to Brian, Rob, and Mary Pats' basketball, baseball and softball games. She says, "With the age of my children, if I could do it over again I would do it the same."

Judy has been a teacher's aide at North Scott for a total of 8 1/2 years. She was at Neil Armstrong for 1 1/2 years, Alan Sheppard for 1 year, and North Scott High for 6 years. The reason she choose North Scott to help at is because North Scott is the school district that her family belongs to. When asked what she would like to be if she wasn't a teacher's aide she replied, "A medical assistant." The thing that she likes best about North Scott is fellow peers, while the thing she likes least is that she is underpaid. She likes helping students, seeing growth, solving social problems, and being the students' other mom the best. Her most memorable experience was when the teachers and students all pitched in money and gave her a monetary memorial for Don in he husband's, name. The most embarrassing moment for Mrs. Hovey was when she was driving a school van and almost backed into a stop sign, with students in the van, and said a bad word. If Mrs. Hovey could change schools tomorrow she said she would "have more parental involvement, and have more input on the curriculum on the subjects being taught." She also mentioned that if she could change the students she would make their home life more acceptable, with a more loving environment. She also thinks students are less respectful, don't have as close of a family relationship, and are more materialistic. She doesn't think it would be any better to change the school year from 180 days to 200 or more days because if the kids

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Mrs. Judy Hovey

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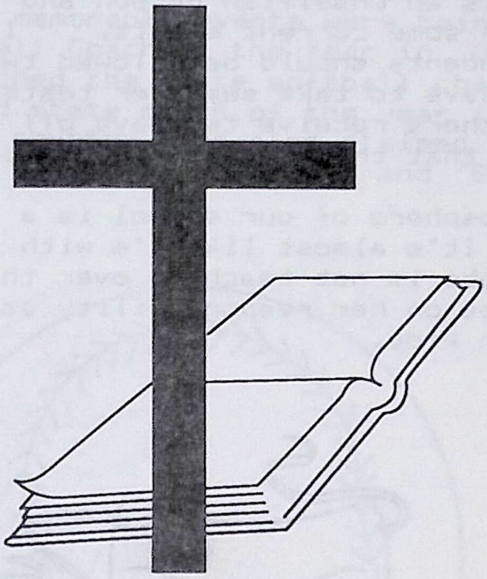
are going to learn it 180 days is enough and also then summer would be too short.

Mrs. Hoveys' philosophy of life is "Really enjoy everything. Don't put it off until tomorrow, because tomorrow may never come. Judy is much more casual at home than at school and is quiet at school. She describes herself as being happy, accepting, becoming more independent, learning new life, and learning to smell the roses. Outside of education she enjoys her kids, CCD, and CEW. In ten years Mrs. Hovey sees herself retired and perhaps with a special friend.



Mrs. Judith Jacobs

Interviewed by Josh Paysen
Journalism I

" I feel that most of the people at North Scott are really nice and I enjoy teaching here," said Mrs. Judith Jacobs, North Scott English teacher.

Jacobs' teaching goes beyond the high school levels. She also teaches at Marycrest College and feels that even ten years from now she will still be teaching in both schools.

Jacobs loves to teach.

" I don't really have a most memorable moment as a teacher," she said. "There are so many good things that have happened to me and to the students."

Even if we could turn back the clock to when Jacobs was in school she would still be a teacher.

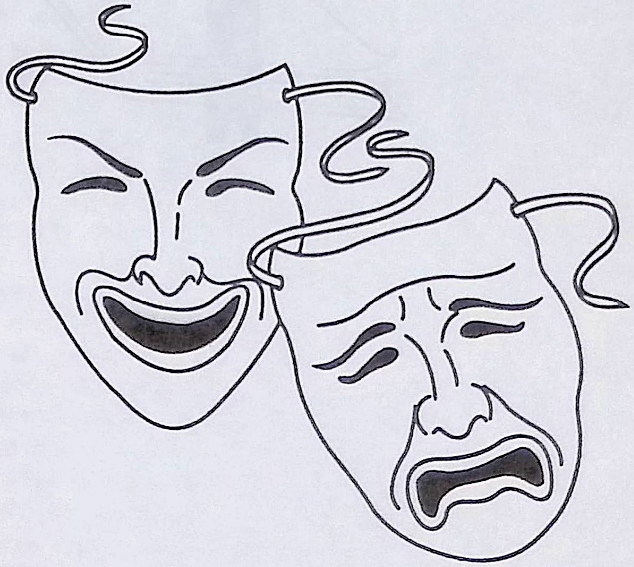
" I really like to see students discover their abilities. I like to see them catch on fire."

Mrs. Jacobs cares for the students she teaches more than herself. She is an unselfish person and feels the same as the students on some current events. " I believe that the North Scott students should be allowed two sick days a year and still not have to take semester tests."

" The teachers receive two days off a year for personal use and I feel that the students should be allowed a little break also."

" The atmosphere of our school is a friendly one," Mrs. Jacobs said, " It's almost like I'm with family."

While Jacobs is not teaching over the summer, she says she concentrates on her responsibility as a mother and does things with her kids.



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Mr. Dennis Johnson

Interviewed by Heidi Otte
Journalism I

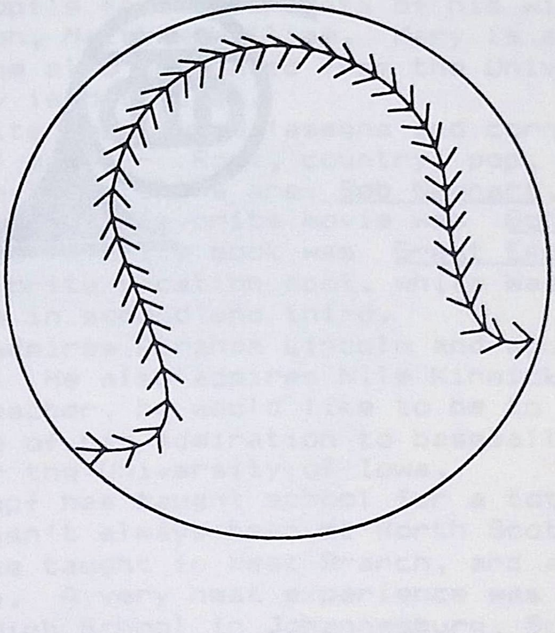
When people think of Dennis Johnson they think of driver education. I clearly remember my sophomore year having him for a teacher.

He says rock-n-roll is his favorite music. I wonder if driving around with a bunch of 16-year-olds had any effect on his taste of music?

Johnson attended Decorah High School, graduating in 1966. In 1972 he graduated with a B.A. from Luther College in Decorah.

Some part-time jobs he has held include an electrician for five years and packaging for UPS. He was also the manager of a paint store for one year. Johnson was in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1969-1975. He has a wife, Linda, and two children: Troy, 13, and Kelly, 10.

His favorite vacation was a Canadian fishing trip. Some of his most memorable events were being name MAC Conference softball Coach of the Year in '84, '86, and '88. Johnson also coached the state softball champions in 1987. He was also named state coach of the year in 1988 for his efforts in cross country. He also claimed the title of conference coach of the year 1983-87 and '89.



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Mr. Bill Kessinger

Interviewed by Wes George
Journalism I

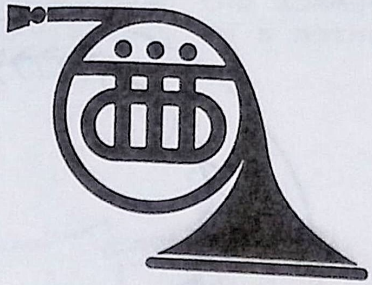
As I walked into the North Scott band room, I saw some of our finest jazz musicians hard at work. Then Mr. Bill Kessinger hustled in to the office area to help them. He always seems to be there to make sure the music program here at North Scott is the best it can be for the four or five annual concerts and all of the football game performances.

Kessinger was born April 26, 1951, in Grayslake, Ill. His father was a band director at his high school and his mother was a music teacher. Almost every member of his entire family seemed to be into music in one way or another, but Kessinger almost went after a major in math during his college years. He wanted math, but in his sophomore year at Augustana College after music as his major as well as his profession.

It was in high school, however, where he met his wife, Lee. (He was a senior and she was a freshman). He has known her for 22 years.

During his free time he likes to listen to all forms of music. Kessinger is a member of the Clinton Symphony and plays with the Quad City Wind Ensemble. His wife is a music teacher as well in some of the Catholic elementary and jr. high schools in Davenport. At North Scott he gives about 60 lessons a cycle, including before and after school.

Kessinger very much enjoys the theater as well. He has seen "Cats", "Phantom of the Opera," and "Les Miserables" (Misery) just in the past three years.



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Mr. Mike Kielkopf

Interviewed by Melanie Holdorf
Writing Lab II

Mr. Mike Kielkopf was born and raised in Iowa. Living in the town of Ottumwa, he graduated from high school there in the year of 1968. I guess that makes him around the age of 41. He must have liked Iowa, because he stayed here and attended the University of Iowa. He graduated in 1972 with his bachelor's degree. Then he went on and received his master's degree in 1977.

Mr. Kielkopf hasn't been a teacher all of his life. He has also had many part time, and full time jobs. Some of those jobs include: newspaper carrier, highway construction, labor/worker in a meat packing plant, carpenter's assistant, warehouse maintenance, landscaper, baseball field maintenance, U of I Athletic Dept., and camp counselor. Others include: newspaper reporter, photographer and editor. He was an editor of various newspapers around the state and even in different countries. He was an educational writer for a newspaper in Johannesburg, South Africa.

He has received many awards in his working career. He has received the William Allen White National Editorial Writing Award in 1984, several Associated Press national and state awards for spot reporting, columns, public service reporting, and feature writing. He also published a book in 1984 on U of I athletics and Hawkeye fans.

Mr. Kielfopf's family consists of his wife, Mary, and his 6 year old son, Matthew William. Mary is a teacher in Davenport, and she also graduated from the University of Iowa. His family is Methodist.

His favorite foods were lasagna and corn bread. He likes all kind of music-- Rock, country, pop, and Top 40. his favorite television shows are, Bob Newhart, and Perfect Strangers. His favorite movie was Gone With the Wind , and his favorite book was Great Expectations. Europe is his favorite vacation spot, while Washington D.C., and Colorado come in second and third.

He really admires Abraham Lincoln and would really like to meet him. He also admires Nile Kinnick, and J.F.K. If he wasn't a teacher, he would like to be to be Ryne Sandberg, because of his admiration to baseball. He used to play baseball for the University of Iowa.

Mr. Kielkopf has taught school for a total of eight years. But he hasn't always been at North Scott. Prior to coming to N.S., he taught in West Branch, and also at Marycrest College. A very neat experience was teaching at King Edward VII High School in Johannesburg, South Africa.

What he likes best about North Scott are the people. He said that he likes the students that want to learn, and that try at whatever they do. He doesn't like some of the narrow mindedness that some of the people have around the school.

His philosophy of education, he said to take

Mr. Mike Kielkopf

Interviewed by Melanie Holdorf
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advantage of things while you can, and to always do your best. His life philosophy was the exact same.

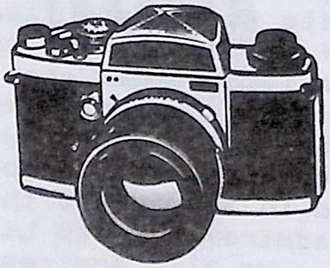
His most memorable moment as a teacher was when Janeen Fowler received an award for the best editorial in the nation. Most teachers are able to sketch out one of their most embarrassing moments, but Mr. Kielkopf says that he can't think of anything too embarrassing. But he did say that he may have made some comments here and there.

Teachers in general have a lot of influence on students. His fifth and sixth grade teacher, was a great role model. And he also mentioned some of his high school teachers, that had some influence. When the subject of the change in the days of a school year was brought up, he thinks it is a little too simplistic.

When I asked him to describe himself, he thought of himself as a low key kind of guy. There is no change in his personality when he is outside of school. But he does like to try new things. He is not "stuck on tradition".

His hobbies outside of school consist of sports (especially baseball), reading, photography, and spending time with his family.

Where will Mr. Kielkopf be ten years from now? Well the answer is no one knows. Maybe we will have to wait and find out for ourselves. And for Iowa Schools? He thinks that they will be pretty much the same as they are at this very moment.



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Mr. Jeff Newmeister

Interviewed by Kim Lorenzen
Writing Lab II

Mr. Jeff Newmeister is a teacher for the science department at North Scott High School and has been here for 13 years. He was born on October 9, 1953. He graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids in 1972. He then went on to get his B.S.degree in physical education, and now he is working on his Masters degree in biology.

Mr. Newmeister's wifes' name is Becky. They have two children. Shea, who is 9, and Chelsea, who is 6.

If Mr. Newmeister wasn't a teacher he says he probably would have gone into the field of genetics. He also says that if you could start all over he would not be a teacher.

Mr. Newmeister thinks the best things about North Scott are the faculty, staff, and students. The worst thing is the student apathy toward schoolwork and school life.

Outside of education woodworking and antiques interest Mr. Newmeister. He also likes Chinese food and jazz music, especially the saxophone.

Mr. Newmeister has had many memorable moments at North Scott and sees himself teaching still in the next 10 years.

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Mrs. Betty Kube

Interviewed by Jenny Birtell

Journalism I

What would Mrs. Kube be if she weren't a teacher?

"Rich!" she laughs.

It isn't uncommon to hear such laughter arise from room C17, the room where Kube teaches algebra I and II and geometry. She has been combining one-liners and linear equations for years, but is quick to point out that education isn't all fun and games.

"Every student has the right to a good education, but it's also a privilege. We owe them an education, but they owe us courtesy."

"Good attention and respect. Those, to me, are two of the key things I want every student to have."

Kube, who has taught at North Scott for 16 years, says she enjoys working with high school students, the faculty and likes North Scott's rural location. She does not, however, like the attitude a small minority portray towards school.

"There's a small percentage of students who don't want to be here," Kube says. "I'd remove them."

The students who do wish to learn under Kube's direction will find it enjoyable. Almost everyone has heard a retelling of a "blooper" or has witnessed a joke or pun done expertly by Kube.

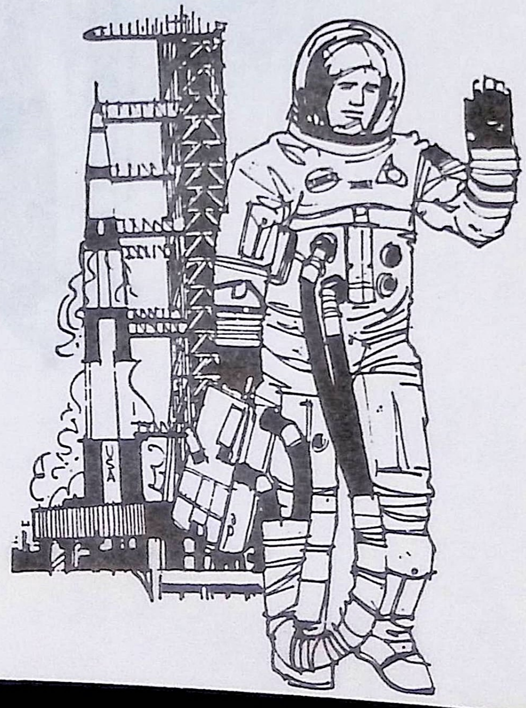
One such "blooper" was when Kube told a geometry class (predominately male) to "circumcise" a circle around a triangle.

"The boys just looked at me in pain and started laughing. The more I'd try not to say it the more I did."

It's this type of laughter that makes for a comfortable learning environment year after year.

And what will Kube be ten years from now?

"47 years old!" she laughs. Then thoughtfully, "I think I'll probably still be teaching."



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Mrs. Myra Kreiter

Interviewed by Tom Knapper
Writing Lab II

Myra Kreiter is one of the staff members at North Scott High School. She has been a attendance/associate principles secretary. She began working as soon as her three children grew up. She also worked as a teletype operator, phone operator, and a typist for Alcoa from 1960 to 1964. Before coming to North Scott, she was a house wife and owned a egg business from 1964 to 1983.

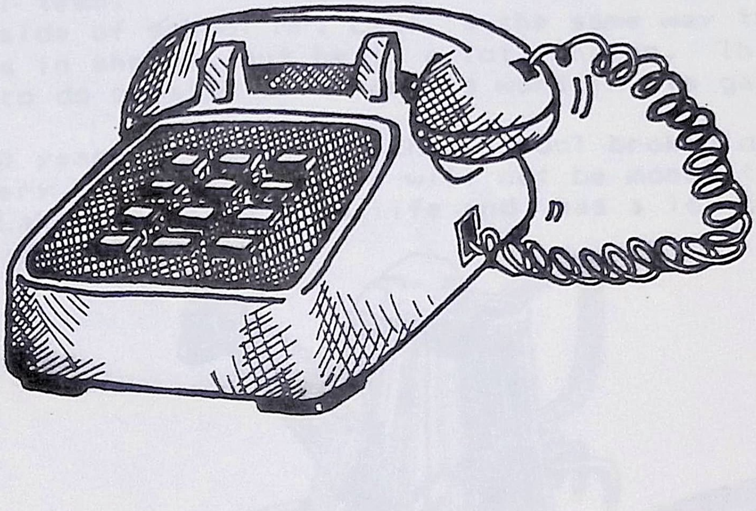
Myra was born on November 11, 1942. She graduated from Bettendorf High School in 1960. Myra and her husband Jack are currently living in rural Davenport on the family farm. They have three children Tammy Jo 27, Kurt 25, and Eugene 24, all graduates of North Scott. She also has one grandson Casey.

Myra likes working at North Scott because of the friendly staff, and the neat kids. She doesn't like the negative publicity the school gets at times. She says that this school and the students have many outstanding accomplishments to be proud of. Being in a rural setting has many advantages.

Myra's accomplishments are, she preformed on WOC-TV, sang at various high school productions, and raised three great children.

Some of Myra's hobbies are sewing, reading, dancing and going out to eat. She also likes going on vacations. One of her favorite vacations was going to New York to visit her daughter. Myra admires her husband who has cancer, and his great attitude, faith, which helps her and the family to handle the situation. He has a fun loving personality, and makes everyone feel good.

Myra sees herself retired in ten years. Taking vacations with her husband and enjoying her grandchildren.



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Mr. Dale Lacina

Interviewed by Rich Learn
Writing Lab II

When I interviewed our Physical Education teacher, Mr. Lacina, I found out that he has a very easy going, and caring person, who always has an answer for everything. Even though some of the answers may be short. If you ask Mr. Lacina what he would be if he wasn't a teacher, you would probably hear him say that he would like to be a pro volleyball player and bum around the beach. But if you ask why he became a teacher he would say because he enjoys working with the kids, and hearing the " aah's" from a child when he taught them something new. Mr. Lacina says that the worst thing about teaching is having to discipline a student. If he could change something about the school he would change the class sizes and the financial problems that the school distric faces. According to Mr. Lacina the best thing about North Scott High School is the positive outlook by the student's and staff.

When asked if the school year should be changed from 180 days a year to 200 days, he said "No! Summer is too nice of a break." When Mr. Lacina looks back, the most embarrassing moment was when he corrected a test and used the wrong key. Over the summer Mr. Lacina works and goes camping with his family. Mr. Lacina enjoys fishing, canoeing, and camping. When asked where he saw himself in ten years he said that he saw himself the same, only ten years closer to retirement.

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Mr. Larry Lake

Interviewed by Tom Paris & Derrick Cline
Writing Lab II

If Mr. Lake was not a teacher he would be a business man and the reason that he became a teacher is because he has always liked it. He does not like the money that a teacher gets, and that is the why he would no want to be a teacher again.

Mr. Lake is an outdoors man and he does not like to be closed up and have to be in a certain place at a certain time. The thing that he would like to change about this school is the heating system.

The best and the worst thing that Mr. Lake can find about North Scott is that it is a rural setting and a city setting. The reason that he likes this is because he can have both of them. The reason that he hates the rural setting is because you have to drive so far to get any where and the good thing is that he can have his garden.

Mr. Lake's philosophy of life is to eat, drink, and be merry. The reason that he said that is because you can die tomorrow.

The thing that he likes to do during his summer vaction is to work in his garden.

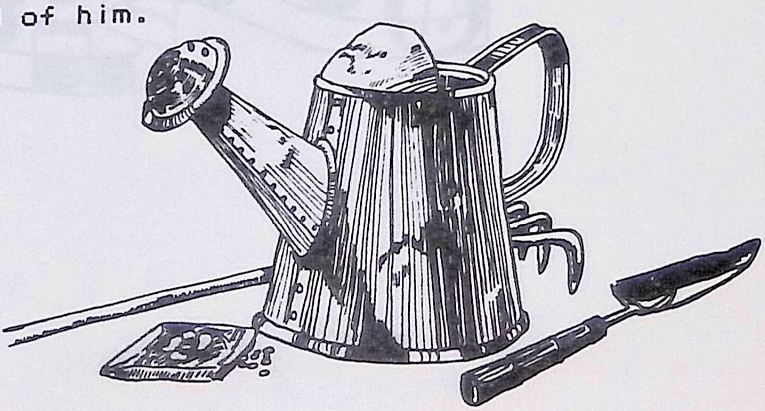
The 180 days to 200 days to Mr. Lake sounded like it was a good deal for the students because they would learn more but it would be hard for them to because they have more work to do. He felt that it would be better for him because he would get more money.

Mr. Lake would find himself to be tall, dark, and handsome. He has 9 kids and was in the military for 2 years and went to college for 4 years. Mr. Lake has good taste in T.V. show because his favorite show is Cheers. He has taught for 36 years and 31 of those years have been at North Scott. He was in sports here at North Scott and his best years were 2 varsity football championships and 1 undefeated basketball team.

Outside of school Mr. Lake is the same way that he is when he is in shcool, but he is a lot funnier. Things that he likes to do outside of school is work in his garden and golf.

In 10 years Mr. Lake see this school broken down and looking very bad because there will not be money to fix it.

Mr. Lake has had a good life and has a lot of good years ahead of him.



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Miss Leslie Lein

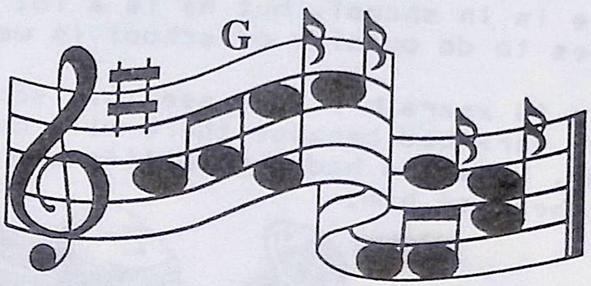
Interviewed by Kevin Johnson
Writing Lab II

Leslie Lein was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1960. She went to Hudson High School and graduated in 1978. She then went on to Luther College and graduated in 1982 with a BA, and a Masters Degree in Voice Performance from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. She is to be married this summer to Doug Foppen.

If Miss Lein was not a teacher she would like to be a church musician, because she likes working in a church setting and she loves music. She likes teaching because she likes influencing students to do their best. However, she does not like the paper work part of it and some of the extras that don't include teaching students. There is nothing that she would change about the North Scott choirs at the present time.

She has had an exciting life including three European vacations and a solo part in Handle's Messiah at Luther College in front of thousands of people. Her European vacations were her most exciting things she has done. Two were for jobs chaperoning high school students and one was just to travel. In her spare time she likes to sing, travel, cross-country ski, read, rollerblade, and learn about the German language.

In about ten years Leslie sees herself in the midwest, married, raising a family, and teaching piano and voice at home, being a homemaker, and maybe directing a church choir.



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Mr. Jim Logan

Interviewed by Tom McDonnell
Writing Lab II

Mr. Logan is a science teacher at North Scott. For the past few years he has been teaching General Science. He hasn't coached any sports for several years. He coached football and wrestling for about eight years then moved on to girls tennis. He coached that for several years, but got tired of that for several reasons. One reason was that he tried unsuccessfully to move girls tennis to the fall. Another reason was that he had been coaching for quite a few years and he was just getting tired of coaching.

Mr. Logan thought that if he wasn't a teacher he would like to be a social worker. He would like to be a social worker because he likes to work with people. He became a teacher because he grew up in Cedar Falls, which is the home of Northern Iowa, a well known school for teachers. He enjoys teaching because it is always different. Each year is different from the previous year because there are new kids to teach. Another thing he likes about teaching is that it is challenging.

There is nothing that he would change about Noth Scott High School. He likes teaching here because he feels that it is the perfect blend of a big and small school. Mr. Logan couldn't really pin down what was his most memorable moment. He said that taking kids to State for wrestling was memorable, but he also said that some little things like kids doing well in his class were memorable also. Mr. Logan doesn't feel that having a longer school year would be a good idea. He felt it did have some advantages but he likes to have the summer off.

Over summer vacation Mr. Logan has done quite a few things. Some years he has gone to school, other years he has worked as a janitor. For a couple of years he taught tennis. He likes to play tennis, golf, read historical fiction, and carve wood.

Ten years from now he hopes to see himself retired, but first he wants to find something to do because he doesn't think he could just retire and do nothing.

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Mrs. Tori Maxfield

Interviewed by Wendy Skadal
Writing Lab II

Mrs. Tori Maxfield was born in Clinton, Iowa on the twelfth of May, 1958. She has a husband, Jeff and two children, Tia, who is 7, and Kyler, who is 2. She graduated from Clinton High school in 1976 and in 1978 graduated from Clinton Community College with an associate arts degree. In October 1980 she graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in and Bachelor of Arts.

" I became a teacher so I could continue in the education field and help students in the same way that my high school business teacher helped me." Her business teacher was very influentional on her decision to go to college and before she was a teacher, she student taught for him.

Mrs. Maxfield is energetic, easy going, and gets along with her students very well, that is probably why she thinks the best thing about North Scott is the students. Interaction with her students and helping them to decide what to do in the future is the best thing about her job. In the 10 years that Mrs. Maxfield has taught the thing she dislikes the most about teaching is correcting papers and the worst thing about the school is the heating and the air conditioning.

Her most memorable moment as a teacher was when her daughter was sick and her class thought of her by buying her a cake. They told her things would get better and that helped her out a lot!

During the summer vacation Tori teaches summer school at AIC Business School and works part time as a secretary.

She enjoys cross stitching, playing golf, spending time with her family, and sewing. She attends Long Grove Christian Church. Her favorite TV shows are Thirty Something and Married People.

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Mrs. Linda McClurg

Interviewed by Alicia Dewey

Writing Lab II

Mrs. McClurg's hometown is Gravity, Iowa. She graduated from Bedford High School, from a class of 114 students. Mrs. McClurg went to college and graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1969. Her major is in Literature, and her minor is Language Composition. She also had a BS in ED, and MS in ED. Mrs. McClurg received the Norman L. Krong Award in 1987 from Western Illinois University.

While Mrs. McClurg was in college, she had a few part-time jobs. One as the Seasonal Assistant, at the U.S. Post Office, and one as a Library Assistant. She had one full-time job at the Midwest Mutual Insurance Company, as a coder.

Mrs. McClurg taught at North Scott for 18 years in the Language Arts Department and is in her first year as the NSHS principal. She was an Associate Principal at North High School. Mrs. McClurg has had other post-high school training. She has had training at numerous conferences and workshops.

Mrs. McClurg is married to James McClurg, and she has two children, Jared who is 14, and Jillian who is 11. Mrs.McClurg likes to eat pepperoni pizza and likes to read a lot of books, but her favorite book is The Winter of Our Discontent. Mrs. McClurg likes all kinds of music, and different types of movies. Mrs. McClurg's favorite television show is the "Today" show. Her favorite vacation spot is the beach at Outer Banks, North Carolina. Mrs. McClurg admires her mother the most because her mother gave her children the desire to learn. The person that Mrs. McClurg would like to meet is Abraham Lincoln, because he had compassion for people.

Mrs. McClurg is a very sweet person who is still a kid at heart.

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Mr. Steve McNicol

Interviewed by Shawn Hughes
Writing Lab II

Mr. McNicol was born in Newton, Kansas, on September 17, 1938. He proceeded in life and went to and graduated from Wheaton Academy, a private school.

He then went to college. He graduated from North Central College in 1963, and from Northern Illinois University in 1968. He got a B.M.E. (which is band and music teacher) and a M.S. in Educational Administration.

Two of his part time jobs are as principle pianist, and choir director, both in a church. He also held a full time job as a mechanic. He also traveled with a gospel trio for 15 years.

As he went on, he met Mary and married her. With his education he taught in Orangeville Community School District. He has taught a total of 28 years, 19 of those years at North Scott.

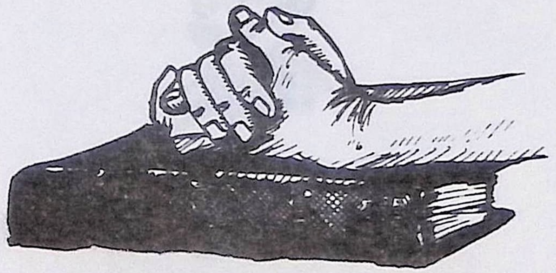
He likes North Scott because North Scott can do a lot for the students, and this is the perfect sized school. There has been from 800 - 1,150 students a year while he has been here.

Mr. McNicol said, "the grass isn't greener on the other side of the fence. Make sure you have something in hand before you jump." Or in other words, get an education before you go out into the world on your own.

He is a fairly religious man in his everyday life. So naturally some of that carries over into his ways dealing with the penalties he gives out.

Speaking of penalties he doesn't like having the ten day policy because he doesn't think it should have to be in place. He says the average student only misses three or four days in a whole year. And it sort of hampers the kids that were not problem missers.

He thinks education is very hard for the students today because the world's education is doubling every four years. You will have to be retrained for jobs five or six times in your lifetime.



Mrs. Anita Meador

Interviewed by Tammy Stolpe

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"Teaching is never boring," says Anita Meador, special education teacher. "There is something new everyday. You're constantly in a state of learning."

Meador, originally from Bryant, Iowa, graduated from Arlington High School in Indianapolis, IN.

An interest in teaching came to Meador in her younger years. She had many aunts who were teachers and one in particular who taught special education. Meador visited her class often.

Meador received her degree in teaching from Anderson University, about 40 miles from Indianapolis and took up teaching in Lafayette, TN for six years.

Meador made her move to North Scott for two years and then returned south to do her graduate work at Tennessee Technical University. While she went to school, she resumed her position at Layfayette for another five years. Her next four years were spent at Tennessee's Department of Mental Health in Nashville.

Her teaching accomplishments in Tennessee range from a member of the Board of Directors for Tennessee Vocational Training Center and a member of the prestigious Tennessee Careerladder III. The latter is a select group of teachers in Tennessee who have shown excellence in their classrooms.

This year Meador made her return to North Scott to take up her job in the special education department.

With her background and years of teaching, Meador has interacted with many students and has her own impressions of them.

"I wish students could learn to love themselves," Meador says. "My goal as a teacher is to bring out the potential in each student and to help them be the very best they can."

In her freetime Meador is a craftsman and traveler. She finds time to work on her drawing, ceramics, needlework and quilts.

One person Meador would like to meet is Chuck Norris.

"I'd like to meet Chuck Norris because he knew Bruce Lee and as horrible as it may sound he's my type," Meador says.

Meador is also a fond admirer of Lottie Moon, a missionary to China. Moon, a Southern Baptist Christian like Meador, felt so strongly against hunger and famine that she gave up her own food to feed the hungry. Moon died of starvation.

"One day I would like to do missionary work for my church," Meador says. "I like to think of myself as a loving person. I always try to be the best I can. I try to be a good Christian and bring myself to be like Jesus."

Meador is also a mother of two children, Brad, 15, and Heath, 11.

Meador tends to treat her students as if they were her own and takes great pleasure in their accomplishments.

"My most memorable moment in teaching came at a time when I was teaching kids at a lower level," Meador says. "One of the boys became sick for a long time and forgot how to walk. It was an incredible feeling when he finally

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Mrs. Anita Meador

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learned how to walk again."

Ten years from now Meador sees the school system more technological and a year-round curriculum. Although school will change a great deal in time, Meador feels the effect teachers have on students never will.

"My teachers taught me to love to learn. I don't know how they did it but they did. That's the key to life."

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Mrs. Deb Menke

Interviewed by Jenny Birtell

Journalism I

Not many coaches at any level have the opportunity to coach in a state championship game, let alone win it. But Deb Menke, P.E. teacher and activities director, has accomplished both.

In 1985, Menke led North Scott to its first girls' state championship in a team sport. They were champs that year in volleyball and were also state runnerup in girls' basketball. Though that was a very talented group, Menke remembers them also as very much "a team."

The foundation for success was built the year before when the volleyball team entered the state playoffs against Dubuque Hempstead. North Scott came in with the reputation of having an easy schedule,but when the Lancers won that game and Menke thinks that gave confidence not only to the volleyball program but to all the other girls sports then and since.

Menke has since given up the head coach duties in volleyball and basketball, although she remains close to sports by assisting Linda Behrer in volleyball and serving as activites director.

Menke's love of sports developed during her high school years in Winterset, Iowa, where she played the only girls' sport available at that time, basketball. She continued playing in college at Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville.

She was part of the first women's basketball team to play against other schools at NWMSU.

While at NWMSU Menke studied education. She decided to go into education because at the time she was graduating from high school girls had three career choice. They could be a nurse, a secretary or a teacher. Menke chose teaching because she, by her own admission, couldn't type and nursing just wasn't for her.

She has been at North Scott for 18 years and expects she will be here for the next ten years. She thinks schools will change more towards the system used in Europe in the coming years. That system is one that at a young age the student decides if he/she is college-bound or needs to go to a trade school.

Menke also thinks that school will be year round. She points out that as of now we have the facilities to accomodate year-long school. Year-long school would give students the opportunity to take more classes.

When Menke isn't teaching or fulfilling her activities director duties, she can be found watching sports. She especially likes watching her children, Martin and Jay, participate in sports. She also enjoys fishing and reading.

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Mr. Brad Merrick

Interviewed by Cathy DeFrieze
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"One of my most embarrassing times happened two years ago," Mr. Brad Merrick begins. "It was the first day of class and I had gotten a new chair with wheels. Well, I sat down and leaned back, then bang, I fell onto the floor."

Merrick has been a science teacher at North Scott for 12 years. His classes are Chemistry, Chem-Com, and Physics. He also coaches freshman volleyball.

Born on Oct. 11, 1953, Merrick grew up in Maquoketa. He attended high school at Maquoketa Senior High and graduated in 1972. From there he went on to the University of Iowa where he received his B.S. in 1978.

"I enjoy working with people so I became a teacher. If I could go back I probably still would have become a teacher. I would have done things a little bit differently. You don't get rich off of it that's for sure," he said laughingly.

"The best thing about teaching is when a student is having trouble and when they finally understand, it's the look that they get that I like best. The worst thing about teaching is the time constraints. There is not enough time to accomplish all that I want to.

"If I could change the schools I would change the students' involvment in extracurricular activities. I would make sure that the students would not need jobs so that they could concentrate more on school.

"Students today have more social activities then I did when I was in high school. I wish more students would take advantage of that. They also have more pressures and drug problems. Hopefully if they were more involved in extracurricular activities then some of the pressure would be relieved. My philosophy of education is to explore and to learn, which goes along with my philosophy of life which is to try new things. Don't be afraid of failure."

Merrick surely isn't afraid of failure for he has received an Eagle Scout award and was a letter-winner in golf, football and wrestling. He also follows his philosophy of life for during his summer vacations he goes fishing and takes many trips. These trips include mountain climbing and rafting. Along with his philosophy of education, for the past couple of summers, Merrick has been attending summer school.

Outside of education, Merrick enjoys playing volleyball, going fishing, hunting, rafting, camping, hiking and mountain climbing. Before teaching, he enjoyed a variety of different jobs. He worked in highway construction, Corps of Engineer, he was a park technician, a cement truck driver, a factory worker, an umpire for baseball and softball, and was also a food service worker.

In the future Merrick hopes to see himself still teaching. He plans on working with his son, Steven Bradley who is currently 14 months old, and spending more time with

Mr. Brad Merrick

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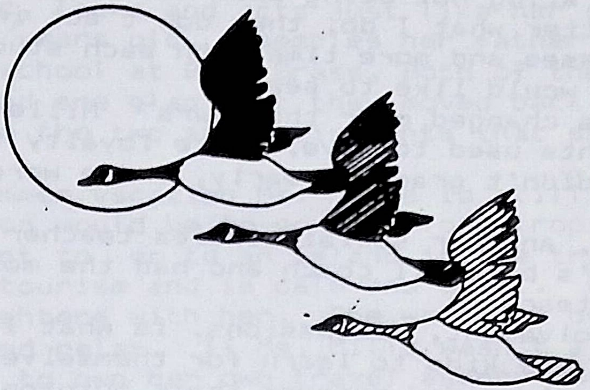
his wife Janet.

At home while reading, his first choice will always be Tom Sawyer. If he is watching a movie his first choice is "Top Gun," but if he just decides to watch TV, then he enjoys watching "MacGyver" and "Star Trek the Next Generation."

"I most admire John Wayne", he said, "but I would most like to meet the actor who plays MacGyver."

"I have had a lot of embarrassing moments as a teacher. One of my other embarrassing moments was when I almost electrocuted myself. In all though, teaching has many benefits and rewards that you cannot find in any other job."



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Mr. Matt Miller

Interviewed by Kerri Stein
Journalism I

"Getting to know as many people as possble and helpng them to remember North Scott in a positive way," is a goal Matt Miller, a social studies teacher at North Scott, aims for.

Miller graduated from North Scott in 1981. He then went to the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and came back to teach at North Scott.

"I came back to teach here," Miller said. "because teachers here had an influence on me and the students and faculty are the best."

In case teaching didn't work out Miller had an interest in becoming a sportscaster on the radio.

To get through high school and college Miller worked at car washes, as a camp counselor and substitute teacher.

"It is frustrating not being able to reach students," he said, "that no matter what I do, they don't act interested."

"Smaller classes and more time with each student," would be changes Miller would like to see.

Have students changed over the years? Miller thinks so. He believes students used to have, "more loyalty toward the school, students didn't graduate early, there were still things to learn."

Randy Denner, another social studies teacher at North Scott, was Miller's baseball coach and had the most influence on his life as a teacher.

"Student involvement, discussions, is what I try to get in class. I want the kids to learn for themselves, be comfortable in my class and express their opinions.

"Stress the positive," Miller says. "Find good things in the bad, don't waste life on worrying. Life's too short."

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Mrs. Tammy Mills

Interviewed by Holli Sherwood
Writing Lab II

Ms. Mills is the secretary in the guidance office. She describes herself as being easygoing and friendly. She was born on May 29, 1958, and graduated from Davenport West in 1976. Before she started working here in August of 1990, she worked as a supervisor in banking for four years, and her last job was as a purchasing assistant for a land developer in California. Her favorite thing about being a secretary is meeting many different people. When asked if she thought that the school year should be changed from 180 days to 200 days she said that she doesn't think it would be a good idea because she feels that students need a break and teachers, and vice versa.

Ms. Mills has two well behaved (most of the time) daughters by the names of Kelly and Nicole. Kelly, who is ten years old, looks and acts just like her mom, and Nicole who is eight years old, resembles her father. The two girls go to grade school at Blue Grass. Both of the girls are happy here and are glad that they moved back to Iowa. The two girls are the two accomplishments that she is most proud.

Over summer vacation Ms. Mills is still working. Her dream vacation would be to go on a long tropical vacation. She would want to go to an island in the tropics that isn't involved in tourism and is calm and quiet. She wouldn't take her daughters with her. She wouldn't do anything but lay around and relax. If Ms. Mills wasn't a secretary she would choose to own her own travel agency which probably has a lot to do with her dream vacation.

Ms. Mills has many activities that she enjoys doing in her spare time. She is a member of the Presbyterian church. She enjoys working out and keeping in shape. Her favorite movie is Field of Dreams. She also enjoys reading, and her favorite author is Mary Higgins-Clark. Her favorite type of food is pasta. She also enjoys listening to many kinds of music from rock to jazz, and she enjoys doing needlepoint. The person that she admires most is anyone who can leave her with a positive attitude or an enlightning outlook on life.

When asked about if she could change the schools she said that she would change the kids' attitudes. She thinks that kids' attitudes have changed a lot from ten years ago. She says that several of them have no respect for anyone or anything. She says that the best thing about North Scott is the faculty staff, and most of the kids. She hopes that ten years from now that Iowa schools will get tougher and more interesting. Her philosophy of life is to enjoy every day as if it was your last, and not to let the day's pressures get you down. Ten years from now she sees herself as a happy settled person.

Mrs. LouAnn Mohr

Interviewed by Lynn Peterson
Writing Lab II

Mrs. Mohr was born in Belmond, Iowa. She graduated from Belmond Community School in 1971. Then she went to college at Mankato State University and graduated in 1975 with a B.A. in Special Education and Elementary Education. She attended Graduate School at Western Illinios. She has never had a full-time job other than teaching, but has had a part-time job at Montgomery Wards in the credit department and she was a waitress. She said if she wasn't a teacher she would like to be a nurse. She also said that if she could go back and do it over, she would be a teacher again.

Mrs. Mohr became a teacher because her mother was a teacher, she enjoyed school, and she enjoys working with kids. She said the best thing about teaching is the kids you get to work with. The worst thing about teaching, she said, is the paperwork and the guidelines you must use. She has been a teacher for 14 years and 7 of those years have been here at North Scott as a Special Education teacher. The other 7 seven years were spent in the Des Moines Public School and Des Moines Parochial School systems. She said some of the best things about North Scott are the great people, the facility, and that it is not too small or too big, that it was just the right size. She must like it because she could not find anything negative to say about North Scott. Her most memorable moment as a teacher was when she met her husband, Steve. Her most embarrassing moment was when they were having a party in her room that may have been a little bit loud and Mr. McNicol walked in on them. She does not think that the school year should be moved from 180 days to 200. She said that 20 more days is not going to be a lot of help and we, meaning everyone, need a break.

Mrs. Mohr is married to Steve Mohr, an English teacher her at North Scott. She has three kids, Josh 13, Ryan 13, and Jay 9. She is a member of the Parkview Lutheran Church. Her favorites are pizza, shrimp, soft rock music, Gone With the Wind, The Big Chill, Animal House, Coach, and L.A. Law. The people she admires most are her parents and the person she most like to meet is Gen. Norman Swartzkoff. In the summer she likes to watch baseball games, go fishing, be outdoors, take short vacations (Her favorite was a Bahamas cruise), and golf.

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Mr. Steve Mohr

Interviewed by Shawnee Kingsley
Writing Lab II

Mr. Mohr, born in Dewitt, Iowa on October 6, 1953, is presently a full time teacher at North Scott High School. He graduated from the DeWitt Central High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Dubuque in 1977. Mr. Mohr held many part time jobs before his teaching career. His jobs included bridge builder, heavy equipment operator, cement former, steel truck operator, welder, gas station attendant, deckhand and boat operator, and a construction inspector.

Mr. Mohr is married to LouAnn Mohr. They have three children - Josh 13, Ryan 13, and Jay 9. His volunteer work has included North Scott Booster Club and Jaycees. His religion is Luthern. In Mr. Mohr's spare time, he finds many favorite activities to entertain himself. His favorite food is hamburgers, favorite music is easy rock, favorite vacation is the Bahamas, favorite book is Friday Night Lights, favorite movie is Goonies, and his favorite T.V. show is M.A.S.H.. Mohr admires Mark Twain and Abe Lincoln most, but he would love to meet Saddam Hussein and Norman Schwartzkoff (to see the brawl they would have).

In Mr. Mohr's teaching career, he has taught a total of 14 years. He has been at North Scott for 13 years, teaching previously at Oskaloosa. Mr. Mohr became a teacher because he likes to teach. What he likes most about teaching is having a student gain success, although he doesn't like the amount of paper work or the administrative things not concerned with teaching. Mohr likes to teach but if he could change one thing, it would be to make students more respectable of themselves and of elders and have a serious approach towards an education. He thinks the best thing about North Scott is that "it is a class act," but the worst is the attitudes the student have about school. Mr. Mohr's most memorable moment as a teacher is any time a light turns on for a student he has helped; not only in an education, but in life. His most embarrassing moment as a teacher was one year when his class got out of hand and had a pie fight. Mohr's opinion on moving a school year to 180 days to 200 days was not a good one. He believes in quality not quantity.

In view of himself as a teacher, Mr. Mohr sees himself as a strict, regimented, fair, and unbiased person. In 10 years from now, Mohr sees himself as a teacher at North Scott.

Mohr is doing a great job and can only gain more experience from his good work.

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Mrs. Nancy Moore

Interviewed by Traci Hutson
Journalism I

"The most embarrassing moment as a teacher was when I was giving a list of spelling words and one of the words was organism and I said orgasm," said Miss Nancy Moore who teaches basic foods, child development, contemporary living and fashion design. She has been teaching at North Scott for 16 years.

Moore says she would not choose to be a teacher if she could go back and start over.

"There is a tremendous amount of extra work. Teaching is very time consuming," she said. "If a teacher could just teach it would make it much easier. I don't like grading papers or preparing lessons.

"I became a teacher because my mother basically told me to," she said. "I guess the other areas I was interested in didn't pay enough."

Moore has held several non-teaching jobs including Mary Kay Cosmetics, Northwest Fabrics, Library Worms and Younkers.

She is originally from Amenia, North Dakota, graduated from North Dakota State University with a B.S. degree in home ec. education in 1969.

"I decided on home ec. because my home ec. teacher influenced me. She made it interesting," she said. "If I hadn't decided to be a teacher I would probably be either a restaurant manager or have my own business. Maybe I would be doing something with interior design."

In Moore's spare time she chooses to travel, bike, or play golf. She enjoys putting on dinner parties as well. She usually spends her summer vacation re-filing school work that ends up in piles and visiting her family in North Dakota.

"The best thing about NS is its location. It's still fairly rural with the Midwest strong values," Moore said thoughtfully. "The climate control could be a bit better, but basically NS has good students and teachers."

"My philosophy on education is everyone can learn, therefore everyone should be given the opportunity," she said. "Education is the key to opening a lot of doors.'

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Mr. Ed Mullin

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

"They are challenging and are in need of help and guidance." These are the words of Special Education teacher Ed Mullin and "they" in this case refers to the special education students he works with.

When this Loras College graduate was in school he majored in education because, he says, he wanted to work with young people, to coach and to stay "young at heart." Since that time almost 20 years ago his focus has remained the same, except these days he is more focused on helping at-risk kids.

Before he came to North Scott, Mullin had many jobs outside of teaching. He was in retail store management for a hardware store and was an insurance agent.

But the most interesting of all his jobs was that of a registered representative of a securties firm. In other words,he was a collection officer. Many unusual things occurred in that line of work but one stands out above the others.

Mullin and another man were sent to repossess a furniture set from a family in Jefferson City. Upon receiving the overdue notice from the rental company, it seems that the woman, who was rather portly, and a few of her friends all jumped at once on the couch and smashed it flat as a pancake. Since they were on welfare no money could be reclaimed and so the company received nothing.

While Mullin says teaching at North Scott isn't quite a exciting as being a collection officer, he says it is a nice change of pace.

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Mr. Ken Nevenhoven

Interviewed by Ryan Johnson
Journalism I

Mr. Ken Nevenhoven, North Scott driver ed instructor, is from New Hartford, Iowa. He graduated from New Hartford High School in 1963 and from Wartburg College in Waverly in 1967.

Nevenhoven served in the Army from 1968-1970 and is a Vietnam Vet. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he earned a puple heart, two bronze stars and three Army commendations.

After his army duty he started teaching at North Scott in 1970 and has been teaching here since.

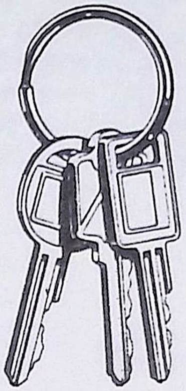
His wife's name is Christie and he has two sons, Chistopher, 18, and Jonathan, 16.

His favorite foods are barbecued ribs and pizza. His favorite music is '50 and '60s rock "n" roll and his favorite vacation spot is London.

The thing he like most about his job is the flexibility of it but on the other hand the worst thing about his job is when they make the schedule so that he has to sit in a car for six hours straight.

The most embarrassing moment he has ever had as a teacher, he said, was when he was supposed to drive his brother's 1963 Ford Falcon in the 1983 Homecoming parade but when he was putting the sign on the back of the car he locked the keys in the trunk and had to take the whole back seat out of the car to get the keys and by that time the parade was all over.

Some of his most memorable moments, he said, were the two times that the driver ed car has been in the ditch and the one time that the car was hit by someone in the parking lot.



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Mr. Bernie Peeters

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

Bernie Peeters, North Scott art teacher, was a member of the graduating class of North Scott in 1968. He then went on to Luther College in Decorah where he received his B.A. in art and history.

While at Luther he was a star running back and was inducted into the Luther College Hall of Fame. He was also recently inducted into the North Scott Athletic Hall of Fame.

After he graduated from Luther in 1972 he was invited to the Chicago Bears free agent camp and later signed with the Canadian Football League.

Peeters' father was a teacher, so that influenced him- along with his appreciation for art- to become a teacher. "The teachers I had as a student were influential in making me want to become a teacher." said Peeters. If he had it to do over again, Peeters said he would still be a teacher. He likes working with people and the summer vacations most about his job. During the summer Peeters enjoys travel, working with archaeology and working on his cars.

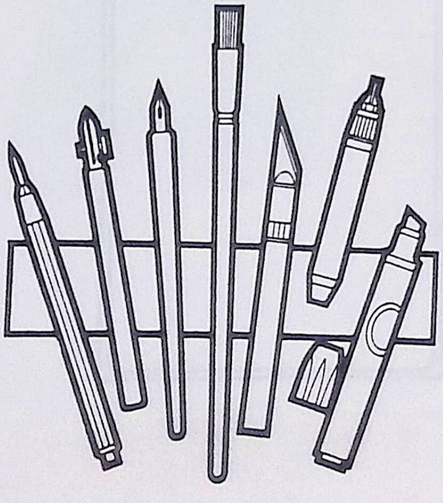
"If I could change anything about the schools I would change the attitudes of some of the students, and make them realize how important a good education is to their future." said Peters. Over the last 10 to 20 years he thinks the attitudes of students tward education has been getting worse. He also thinks students need to get more involved in school activities.

The best thing about North Scott, Peeters says, is "The people," and the worst thing is "the people who take away from the environment."

His philosophy on education is that it should be a "self-search" for the students.

The most rewarding part of his job is when former students come back to see him.

He best described himself as being a person who likes to go in different directions. If you find Mr Peeters out of school he is much more relaxed. He said in school you have a responsibility and you "can't be yourself."



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Mr. Harvey Perrine

Interviewed by Katey Straley
Journalism I

To be happy and to make a contribution to society comprise Harvey Perrine's philosophy of life.

He's definitely making his contribution here at North Scott, after twenty-one years of teaching. His classes include driver education, woodworking I, communications technology, and drafting I.

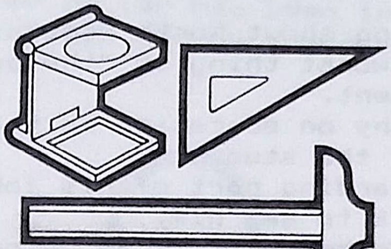
The worst thing about teaching for him is the discipline, although he does enjoy working with the students.

Outside of school Perrine considers himself to be more relaxed. He enjoys woodworking and remodeling in his spare time.

His wife's name is Kathy. They have two children, Kevin, 7, and Allison, 2.

He vacations in the summer around Lake Superior and does some camping. He also spends his time off from teaching catching up on all the jobs he didn't have the time to do during the school year.

He sees the future in teaching to be more demanding of the students. Perrine's not too sure of where he'll be in the next ten years, but he hopes to stay here at North Scott.



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Ms. Trish Reisener

Interviewed by Jon Nevenhoven
Writing Lab II

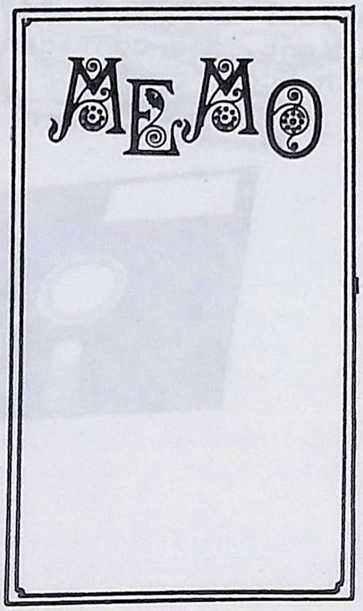
Ms. Reisener is a guidance counselor at North Scott High School, and she has been working here for one half of a year. Ms. Reisener was born February 8, 1953, and grew up in Washington, Iowa. She graduated from Washington Community High School in 1971. Then she went to the University of Iowa where she graduated in 1975 with her B.A. degree, and in 1987 she earned her M.A. degree.

She became a teacher because that's what she's always wanted to be. She has been teaching for 13 years, and she 's taught at Central Community School district in DeWitt, Iowa, Twin Cedars Community School District in Bussey, Iowa, a private tutor in Antigua, West Indies, and now here at North Scott. Ms. Reisener was also a accounts receivable bookkeeper/cashier for one year.

Ms. Reisener is married to John Maxwell and has a daughter named Amy who is one year old. Her favorite food is anything chocolate. The music she likes is rock and roll oldies. Her favorite book is The Little Prince, and her favorite movie is Gone with the Wind. Her favorite t.v. show is 60 minutes. If there was one person she could meet it would be Rich Little, and her favorite vacation is skiing with her husband.

Ms. Reisener thinks that students are different now than 10 or 20 years ago because there is much more pressure on them from peers, and families are split more often these days than 10 or 20 years ago. She also doesn't want the school year to get longer because teachers need a vacation as well as the students.

If Ms. Reisener wasn't a teacher she would be a accountant and in 10 years she sees herself here at North Scott High School.



Mr. Bob Rhinehart

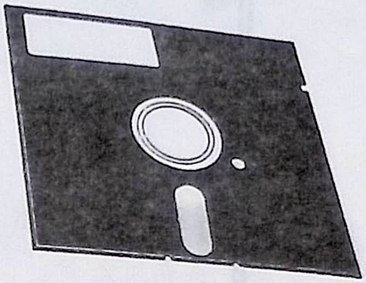
Interviewed by Taga Dumerauf
Writing Lab II

Robert David Rhinehart is a math teacher at North Scott High School. He has been teaching at North Scott for 8 out of 25 years of teaching. He graduated from HLV High School in 1962 and then went on to college at William Penn where he finished in 1966. He enjoys what he is doing. If he had to start all over again he would still be a teacher. He not only enjoys the association with other teachers, but it gives him great satisfaction to know that he is sharing his knowledge with others. But at the same time a great frustration comes from him when he says that he sees alot more laziness in today's children. It's hard trying to teach a student who just doesn't want to learn. So he tries to make learning a little more interesting.

Mr.Rhinehart is a big sports fan. His favorite sport is major league baseball. He not only enjoys watching sports he enjoys coaching them too. In fact, he spends most of his summer coaching softball. He has received several awards for coaching. This definitely is not a job, but rather it's something he enjoys.

If Mr. Rhinehart couldn't be a teacher he would be a pilot. Something he has always wanted to do is to learn to fly a plane. He is an easy going person. His philosophy on teaching is that each student should do the best they can. He likes to see that people are putting their full effort forward, in both school and sports.

Mr. Rhinehart is a person who enjoys life. He likes to make it the best he can. He likes talking to people and getting their ideas on things. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who may need it. Mr. Rhinehart is a very self-efficient, and confident teacher and that is definitely what North Scott needs.



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Mr. Deac Ryan

Interviewed by Donnie Brown
Writing Lab II

On November 2 Mr.Delmar Ryan was born in Osage, Iowa. In 1957 he graduated from Osage High School. After high school he went to Wheaton College for three years then he transferred to Northern Iowa and earned a B.A. He later went to the University of Iowa where he earned a M.A. Other post-graduate schooling includes work at Drake, Marycrest,and Northern Illinois.

Mr.Ryan was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Wheaton College. Another accomplishment was a 25 year Business Teacher Award.

Mr.Ryan has a family of five that includes his wife, Mary Sue, and three children, Susan, Steve, and Tim. Aside from his family, he does a lot of volunteer work that includes actively attending church, and here at school F.C.A and on top of all of that he is also involved in community activities.

What is Mr.Ryan really like? Well, his most memorable moment as a teacher is when a student comes into his classroom with a negative attitude and he is able to change their attitude. His philosophy of life is that God put us here for a reason and he is here to fulfill that reason.

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Mr. Steve Schroeder

Interviewed by Cathy DeFrieze
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In the eyes of most students at North Scott, Mr. Schroeder is seen as either an arrogant dictator or a fearsome enforcer. Although these may hold some truth, if students took the time, they would find that Mr. Steve Schroeder can be a big kid,too.

Born on Feb. 17, 1956, and raised in Donahue, Iowa, Schroeder attended high school at North Scott. During his high school career as a North Scott student Schroeder met many teachers who remain on the NS staff including, Mr. Lake, Mr. Scott, Mr. Agosta, Mr. VanderVinne, Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Heiman, Mrs. Granger, Mr. Rhinehart, Mr. McNicol, Mrs. Menke, Mr. Benjamen, Mr. Coffman, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Perrine, Mr. Voelkel, and Mr. Mike Brown.

In 1974 Schroeder said good-bye to North Scott and hello to St. Ambrose College where he received his BA. He then continued on to Western Illinois University where he received his M.S.E.D. In college his awards and accomplishments included being captain and most valuable player on the football team and, after college he excelled in track.

Schroeder decided to return to North Scott where he taught business classes for nine years in the high school, one year of P.E. at John Glenn, two years of business classes and P.E. in the high school and last year he taught business classes, P.E., and became a dean of students. In all Schroeder has taught for 13 years, in the North Scott District.

"I became a teacher because it sounded like fun, it is fun, and I wanted to be a coach," Schroeder said. "If I hadn't become a teacher I probably would have worked in business I would work in the office such in a plant like Alcoa.

"The thing I like best about teaching is the three months of summer vacation. It's not the same thing every day. There is some variety. I like to play softball, enjoy my family and work a little during the summer. The thing I don't like about teaching is all of the paper work.

"I don't know what I would change if I could change the school tomorrow. It's nice the way it is now, things are not always the same. I wish that teachers were better paid and that we had more money for education.

"Back 10 years ago school was the main focus for kids. Today kids have jobs and are not involved in school. They have different priorities and are missing out. School has a lot to offer.

"At North Scott", Schroeder continued, "we have a very experienced and dedicated staff. North Scott is a really neat place.

"My philosophy of education is that we are here for the kids. We are here to help them grow as people or whatever else we can do. My philosophy of life is that my family

Mr. Steve Schroeder

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comes first, then my health, and finally, my job. I do what's best for all three of them."

Mr. Schroeder and his wife, Michele, have two children. Kristen, eight, (from his first marriage) and four-month-old baby Cody. They attend the Park View Lutheran Church.

Schroeder says he likes all kinds of food and likes to watch "Quantum Leap" and "MacGyver". If he decides to watch a movie, his favortie one is "Die Hard". His favorite book is First Blood. He says his musical preference is the "Top 40" and he likes any type of vacation. He likes to watch basketball and hopes to someday meet Magic Johnson. For an "arrogant dictator" this may come as a surprise.

"I see myself as someone who enjoys life, school and my family," Schroeder said. "I am not complex or a deep thinker. I like to make things easy, but get the job done to the best of my ability.

"My most memorable time at North Scott was when I was coach for track in 1985 and we finished second at state. My most embarrasing times are when I goof up on the announcements. But I enjoy doing them because they are fun."

An arrogant dictator, an enforcer, or a big kid? In many ways Steve Schroeder is all three.

Mr. Don Scott

Interviewed by Tonia Lenig
Writing Lab II

Mr. Scott graduated from St. Ambrose Academy in 1948. After graduation he went to St. Ambrose College and got a B.A., graduating in 1952. He went on to further his education at the University of Iowa. He graduated with a M.A. in 1956. Mr. Scott received his first teaching job in 1956 at Holy Name High School in Omaha, Nebraska. His next job was in Winnebago, Illinois, at Winnebago High School. Mr. Scott came to North Scott in 1958 where he has been ever since.

Mr. Scott likes teaching at North Scott; He says, "It's never dull!" He enjoys the challenges teaching brings each day; he also enjoys working with the students. "The students and the faculty are the best thing about North Scott." Kids that don't try is the thing he likes least about teaching. He says that if he could change anything in the schools, he would make them more disciplined. If he could change the students, he would make the more motivated and more disciplined. Mr. Scott is in favor of moving the school year from 180 days to 200 days. "We need more time to cover materials." He describes his philosophy of teaching as trying to make the students more aware of what's happening around the world. "Kids need to be aware."

When school is out, Mr. Scott enjoys spending time with his family. His wife Jean, and sons Tom, 35 and Matt, 17. He and his family enjoy camping in the mountains and bicycling. As for how he sees himself in ten years he said "Retired!"

Mrs. Nancy Shileny

Interviewed by Wes George
Journalism I

Nancy Shileny, a very lively and interesting person, has been in the North Scott District for six years. She has taught for a total of ten years.

She was born Oct. 18, 1945, in Bellevue, Iowa. Mrs. Shileny graduated from Bellevue High School in 1963 and later she graduated from the University of Dubuque in 1968. She also took graduate classes at Western Illinois, University of Northern Iowa and Marycrest College. She has a B.A. degree and an assortment of other credits and awards.

Shileny worked for former Iowa Governor and U.S. Senator Harold Hughes when he was in office.

"It was really nice working for one of my childhood heroes," she says. "I heard him speak when I was younger and I really admired him because of the way he talked so elequently to the people."

Her career with Harold Hughes had to end when the Shileny's son, Aaron, was born. After she felt Aaron was old enough, she started teaching again. Shileny taught at Pleasant Valley Community Schools for three years and Bellevue for one year.

Shileny says one of her favorite movies is "Dances with Wolves." Her favorite hobby is sewing and her favorite food is Chinese. She likes to read books by Robert Ludlum and her favorite T.V. shows are "Murphy Brown" snd "Designing Women."

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Mrs. Karen Skaala

Interviewed by Chad Reickard
Writing Lab II

Karen Skaala was born on January 28, 1943 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She graduated from Preble High in 1961 and then trained some in adult education business courses. She was awarded the Outstanding Business Student award in High School. As a high school student, she worked as a grocery checker, and part time in an office. She was a salesperson for tupperware. Karen now is a full-time secretary at North Scott Senior High.

Karen has volunteered her time in Cub Scouts, PTA, 4-H, and in her church. She is married to Jarry Skaala and she has three children, John(26), Jim(25), and Janel(20). Her favorite food is popcorn and she is a Catholic. Her favorite music is the 60's music and she will read anything except science-fiction. Karen's favorite vacation is leisurely where nothing is planned. She would like to meet the President of the United States and she admires Rose Kennedy.

If Karen had not been a secretary she would have maybe been an Operating Room Assistant. It was easy for her to get her job because she had good business training in high school. What she likes best about being a secretary is that it is never dull and very interesting. Her job is not a repetitious job. Students are different now than 10 or 20 years ago because there are more problems, and it is a different world.

Karen thinks that the best thing at North Scott is that there's probably fewer problems here than other large city schools. The worst thing is that there's not enough money in the district budget.

As a student, Karen Skaala's teachers were very influential towards her. Some of them really stood out because they were "Tough Cookies". She works all summer and she doesn't think we should have a 200 day school year because even the teachers are ready for a summer break.

Mrs. Skaala describes herself as an easy going and independent person. She thinks that she has a different personality, in some respects, outside of her job. She can be more carefree.

Karen has many interesting hobbies like reading, walking, refinishing furniture, and spending time with her family. She is very interesting and has lived a wonderful and fulfilling life and she is happy with what she has accomplished.

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Mrs. Marya Smith

Interviewed by Dawn Strobbe

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Who's the teacher who pulled the overhead screen down on her head during class? It was none other than Mrs. Marya Smith. How does she feel about this?

"It was definately my most embarrassing moment as a teacher,"Smith said,"one that I will never forget."

"Another moment I can recall often is when I paraded in front of the student body modeling pajama day at a Homecoming aud."

That's our Mrs. Smith. The French teacher at North Scott. Did you also know her name is published in a nation wide book?

"My name is included in the first edition of 'Who's Who Among America's Teacher, 1990," Smith said.

"I enjoy working with high school age students and I've always liked French," Smith said. "I had been living in Eldridge for probably 12 years and heard North Scott was going to offer French, so I applied. It's also nice to have the same schedule as my own children."

Family is obviously a very important part of Smith's life.

"I enjoy spending my summer vacation going to many baseball games for our sons," Smith said. "We also try to take a stateside trip with our family,and two years ago I visited Europe."

Another major part of Marya's life is her husband, David.

"I admire so many things about him," Smith said. "I

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Mrs. Marya Smith

Interviewed by Dawn Strobbe

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suppose what comes to mind first is that he's always very loving and caring. He's quite dependable and a very self-disciplined person also. I still find all these things in him after 22 years of marriage."

Religion plays a definite role in Marya's life too.

"I enjoy playing the violin in our church orchestra and teaching a Sunday school class. I like to listen to classical and contemporary Christian music too," Smith said. "Being so involved in my religion is how I find Ken and Gloria Copeland quite interesting people that I would love to meet someday. They are two Christian teachers. He's also a minister who lives in Oklahoma. They have their own magazine which I read and a current television show I enjoy watching."

"Teaching French is very important to me, but having to stop because of interruptions is frustrating," Smith said. "I would like to see a greater attitude of respect among students and teachers. Students these days seem much more openly outspoken in class. I wish some of that openness would result in more respect since I perceive myself as a facilitator for the students in their learning process. I would hopefully have some impact on their lives."

Smith enjoys seeing kids learn and likes to orgnaize and plan ahead.

"I try to plan for the future as though Jesus Christ were returning in 50 years, yet I want to live each day as though He were returning for me today," Smith said.

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Miss Janet Steffensmeier

Interviewed by Kim Doerscher
Journalism I

"Being on the front page of the North Scott Press for being the new female agricultural teacher at North Scott High School, is my most memorable moment as a teacher," says Janet Steffensmeier, the ag teacher at North Scott.

Steffensmeier graduated from Iowa State University in 1986, receiving her bachelor's degree in agricultural education. She student taught at North Linn in Coggon, Iowa, and participated in an extension internship in Manchester, Iowa.

Steffensmeier has been teaching at North Scott for the past five years. She's active in FFA (Future Farmers of America), and she likes working in the greenhouse and working on the farm.

Steffensmeier was inspired to become a teacher in 9th grade by one of her ag teachers. And she says, her 11th and 12th grade teachers were very poor and she knew she could do better. She also likes working one-on-one with people.

"I feel I'm very gutsy for being a female agricutural teacher," says Steffensmeier. She also says she's very dedicated to her job.

"What summer vacation?" is how Steffensmeier describes the summer break, but when she does have time she likes to read romance books, eat sea food, listen to country music and watch "The Cosby Show."

In the future, Steffensmeier hopes to be living on a farm and raising livestock.

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Mrs. Nancy Sunday

Interviewed by Tammy Griffith
Journalism I

"I became a teacher because I like to work with teenagers. I like to help people," says North Scott Spanish teacher Nancy Sunday. "I'm not a martyr, but I try to help people."

Sunday may like to work with students, but she definitely doesn't like the paperwork that goes along with her teaching job. She would like to see teachers given more opportunity to work with students. She also hopes that someday the schools could be funded from something besides taxes, something that could put more money into our school system.

Nancy Sunday is not only a teacher but a single mother. She is very family-orientated. She spends her summers taking her children swimming and on other day trips. Her family consists of her step-son, Troy; her step-daughter, Beth; her son James and her two daughters Christina and Rachel.

She is an evangelist, which means she distributes the "good news." Her religion is very important to her. In fact, her favorite book is the Bible. She especially enjoys the book of Psalms.

She feels that she is practical and she wants to teach what is practical, something that students will use in the "real world."

Her most memorable moment was as a student teacher when she caught a girl cheating. The girl was really mad and upset, but a few years later she sent a Christmas card to Sunday telling her that she was majoring in Spanish.

Sunday believes that her most embarrassing moments are when she makes a mistake in front of any of her classes.

"I'm not perfect," she says, "but nobody likes making a mistake in front of their students."

Sunday only liked one or two of her Spanish teachers that she had as a student. She tries to use their philosophies in her classes and avoids her other teachers' methods.

She feels that students have gotten more rowdy and they don't know how to study. She thinks that the students should be taught how to study in late grade school and junior high levels. "They need to be taught the consequences of not doing their homework," she says.

In the future Sunday thinks there will be lots of changes in schools. Kids will decide what they want to do in life earlier. The schools will become specialized so that students' needs are going to be met. She believes that there will be more stress placed on kids and parents. As for her, she sees herself in volunteer work helping single, battered women.

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Mrs. Judy Swanson

Interviewed by Rachael Zaruba
Writing Lab II

When the public thinks about the people that make up a school they think about the teachers and the students. But there are many other people that keep the school running smoothly. And one of those people is Judy Swanson. She's a hard worker at North Scott High School.

Judy has worked at North Scott for 12 years, 8 years being part time. She has also been a waitress, and for 20 years she had child care in her home.

Her favorite thing about North Scott is the teachers. Maybe that is because if she could go back and "do it all over " she would like to do something with younger kids.

But not only is she a custodian, she's a wife, to husband Dick, and a mother of three with two son's, Rick, 25, and, Jason, 18, and one daughter, Kris, who's 22.

Since chocolate and steak are her favorite foods maybe she would enjoy eating them while watching Gone With the Wind, Judy's favorite movie. Judy enjoys listening to a variety of music. The person she admires the most is her mother.

During her summer vacation Judy likes to spend time visiting her family . But the vacation she liked the most was her vacation to Six Flags with her family. Judy enjoys being with her family.

The next time you think about this school, remember the people behind the people - people like Judy Swanson.

Mrs. Sally Tobin

Interviewed by Mandy Calvert
Writing Lab II

What teacher was voted "Little Woman of the Week" by the Quad City Times when she was 5 years old? It was Mrs. Tobin, a teacher in the Special Education department. Mrs. Tobin's husband's name is Morgan and she has a stepson that is 25, a stepdaughter that is 21, and a daughter that is 7. Mrs. Tobin describes herself as quiet, sensitive, caring, cooperative, and good humored. She believes that she has about the same personality in school and outside of school. Mrs. Tobin enjoys making crafts, going fishing, camping, traveling, and Christian retreats. Over summer vacation she does many of these things.

Mrs. Tobin is from Bettendorf and graduated from Bettendorf High School. She got her BA from Iowa Wesleyan and she got her MA from Marycrest. The other full time job that she has had is being a recreation director. The total number of years that Mrs. Tobin has taught is 19. She has been at North Scott for 12 of those years. The other school districts she has taught in was Hancock Central, Louisa Muscatine, Galesburg, and Pleasant Valley. She says that the best thing about North Scott is the rural community, the students, and the faculty. The worst thing to her is the limited vocational and business within the community.

Mrs. Tobin said she has never wanted to do anything else besides being a teacher. The best thing about teaching to her is being able to touch someone's life. The worst thing is not being able to touch someone's life. If Mrs. Tobin could change students, she would make them aware of real life and opportunities. "Go as far as you can with what you have and then take the next step" is Mrs. Tobin's philosophy of education. Her most memorable moment as a teacher, she says, is seeing students getting their diplomas. The most embarrassing moment for her as a teacher was forgetting what she taught when she was being introduced. If the schools of tomorrow could be changed, Mrs. Tobin says that everything should be equal. Ten years from now, she thinks Iowa schools will be academically oriented and will be retraining vocationally.

Mrs. Tobin says that 10 years from now she will still be a teacher but she will be awaiting retirement. She would like everyone to know that teaching isn't an 8 to 4 job. She says that everyone should be the most they can be.

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Mr. Harlan Vander Vinne

Interviewed by a
Journalism I student

Many people at North Scott may know Mr. Harlan VanderVinne from other places outside the literature rooms. Mr. VanderVinne has been teaching at North Scott for 25 years so maybe your older brother or sisters have told you about him. Maybe you just happen to go to his church. Chances are if you go to his church you will see him there every Sunday playing the organ. Mr. VanderVinne is Christian/Presbyterian and he describes his philosophy of life as, "Serving the Lord and doing the best I can."

Mr. VanderVinne grew up in Albany, Ill. and attended Erie Community High. He graduated in 1954. Directly after finishing high school he went to Central College in Fella and graduated in 1958. Mr. VanderVinne is now married to his wife Janet and has four children (Shelly 28, Bryan 26, Mark 24, and Kristen 21).

Mr. VanderVinne claims that the reason he became a teacher was because, "I just didn't know what else to do. I'm glad I did become a teacher though."

"The best part about teaching, I think, is the kids," claims Mr. VanderVinne even though he wishes some of them were more willing to work. Mr. VanderVinne says, "North Scott has an excellent faculty and student body and that's what I like best about North Scott." Mr. VanderVinne seems to care a ;pt about the student body but he thinks that the students have a bad attitude about drugs and alcohol abuse. The only other thing he could think of that would really change the school is if there were smaller writing classes, he feels that smaller classes would be helpful to the students as will as the teachers.

As a teacher Mr. VanderVinne has completed a total of 32 years teaching. He has taught in Albia, Iowa and Dows, Iowa and aside of being a school teacher he has even given private piano lessons. "My most memorable experience as a teacher was in 1989 when I was Nominated by my peers for University of Iowas' Outstanding Teacher," explained Mr. VanderVinne.

In his free time Mr. VanderVinne enjoys playing cards and especially going to play Bridge with his wife and friends of the family. He also enjoys watching mystery movies and listening to semi-classical music.

In the future Mr. VanderVinne would like to see the movie "Dances with Wolves" and hopefully to meet PBS Newsman Bill Moyars. He also plans to still be teaching at North Scott ten years from now so maybe your little brothers and sisters will get the opportunity to meet this interesting guy.

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Mr. Aaron Van Dyke

Interviewed by Kim Doerscher
Journalism I

"I like to spend time with my wife in Florida on my summer vacation," says Aaron Van Dyke, a physical education teacher at North Scott High School. He also likes being outdoors by a swimming pool and playing golf on his vacation.

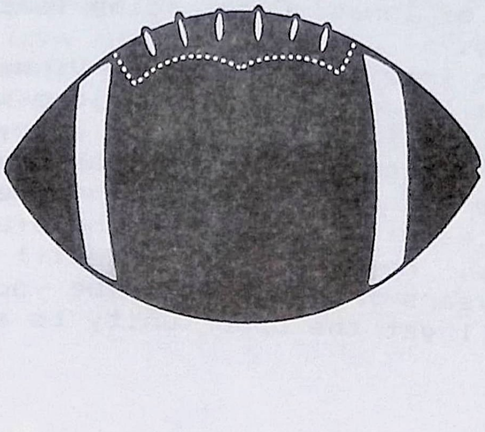
Van Dyke graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1975 and then from Cornell College in 1979. He has been teaching high school ever since. He taught at Hinsdale Central High School in a suburban of Chicago, before coming to North Scott where he taught biology before being shifted to P.E. Van Dyke is also head coach of the North Scott varsity football team.

Van Dyke became a teacher because he likes helping and working with teenagers at the high school level. He also knew he wanted to be a football coach. He likes to be in daily contact with teenagers and watch them learn and grow throughout their years of high school.

"Quiet, caring and a perfectionest," is the way Van Dyke describes himself. He likes reading autobiographies about different coaches and presidents, eating Itailian food, listening to music and watching "The Cosby Show," and "Cheers" on television.

Some accomplishments Van Dyke has recorded throughout his high school and college years are: in high school he received 13 varsity letters, was all conference in football, baseball and track, and was awarded Cornell's "Outstanding Secondary Student Teacher Award" in 1979 and he was voted most valuable player for th Cornell baseball team in 1978.

"I'd like to be coaching football for North Scott or any small college in the future," Van Dyke said. A position where he can continue working with people and helping them learn new traits and values that will help them throughout their lives.



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Mr. Carroll Vis

Interviewed by John Santee
Writing Lab II

Mr. Vis was born on February 27,1932 in Pella, Iowa. He attended high school at Pella High School and graduated in 1950. He proceeded on to Central College, in Pella, Iowa to accept his Bachelor of Arts Degree. He proceeded on to the University of Iowa where he received his Master of Arts degree to be a certified school counselor.

When Mr. Vis is not hard at work with the school, he is hard at work with his part-time jobs he holds. He detassels corn, and also he works with the Job Corp. Mr. Vis's favorite food are tacos, his favorite music is Simon & Garfunkel, his favorite vacation was in Florida in 1974, book is Tom Sawyer, movie is Godfather #1, and his favorite T.V. show is Mash.

The person that Mr. Vis admires the most is Harry Truman and the person he would of most liked to meet was Harry Truman also. He has taught at North Scott for 24 years and has taught in total for 30 years. The only other place he taught was in New London Schools in New London, Iowa.

If Mr. Vis was not working with the schools he says that he would be a lawyer. If he could change the schools of tomorrow, he would like to see the students treat the teachers and their fellow students with more respect. He also says the best thing about North Scott are the students because they are usually cooperative and pleasant to work with. The worst thing about North Scott is the lack of money to provide all the programs that we need. He doesn't think it would be a good idea to extend the school year, but he does think that the students should take the 180 school days more seriously.

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Mr. Bob Voelkel

Interviewed by Kim Rigby
Writing Lab II

Mr. Voelkel is a Methodist who grew up in Hartwick, Iowa. He graduated from Hartwick Consolidated High School in 1956 and from Parsons College in 1960. His college degrees are a B.S. in mathematics and science and a M. A. in Math Education. He has been the president of NSEA, MBUU, and ICTM. Mr. Voelkel is also one of the kindest, yet weirdest, people I know.

His wife's name is Karen and he has four children who are Kristen, 28; Jana, 26; Scott, 24; and Lynn 16. Mr Voelkel enjoys books written by Issac Asimov and watching Evening Shade. His favorite vacation is fishing in Canada and his favorite food is popcorn. The person he admires the most is his father.

Mr. Voelkel has taught for a total of 30 years (26 at North Scott High School). He has also taught in the Lincoln Community Schools. He was pushed to be a teacher by a college instructor instead of being an engineer. Mr. Voelkel enjoys teaching greatly, but wishes some students had better attitudes. If he had a choice he would do it again because he loves seeing young minds grow. If he would be allowed to change the school tomorrow he would put all extra-curricular activities outside of the school. If he could change the students he would get rid of all the nintendos, cable t.v., and ect. Mr. Voelkel believes that is the difference between kids today and 10 - 20 years ago.

His most embarrassing moment as a teacher was his first day in a classroom with 28 students staring at him waiting for him to begin, while his most memorable moment is having his own children in class. Mr. Voelkel's philosophy of education is "To teach and prepare your students to the best of your ability". His philosophy on life is "To survive and try to make retirement". He believes the best thing about North Scott is the teaching staff, facilities and the great environment. He also believes the worst thing is the lack of money. Mr. Voelkel thinks we should extend the school year only if we have the proper funding.

Mr. Voelkel describes himself as a successful teacher, who has the same personality outside the school as he does in. He likes traveling during the summer as well as fishing, swimming, boating and doing the "fun things". His hobbies and interests outside of education include "fun things", and spending time with his grandchildren. In 10 years from now Mr. Voelkel sees himself fishing and traveling and the Iowa schools still #1! Even with all his quirks, you can definitely say he is one man who has made a big difference in a lot of peoples lives, through his kindness, understanding, and knowledge.

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Mrs. Barb Willis

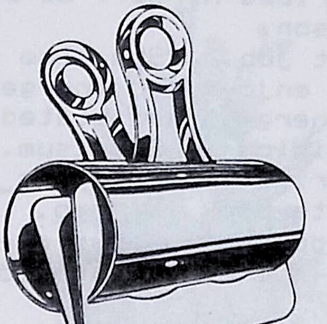
Interviewed by Josh Younkin
Writing Lab II

Barb Willis is the activity secretary at N.S.H.S. Previous jobs include being a clerk at the credit union, a waitress, and a bank teller.

Her family includes a daughter Christine , 22 years old, a 21 year old son, John, a younger son, Matt, who is only 10. Her husband's name is Thomas.

She graduated from Keota Community High School in 1962. Her birthdate is April 20, 1944. Some of her awards and accomplishments in high school were a role in the school play, on the honor role, and homecoming queen. Barb's religion is Catholic. Her favorite book is Love You Forever, a child's book. Her favorite movie is Dad, and her favorite TV show is Bart Simpson. Her favorite music is easy listening. While she is enjoying easy listening music she loves to eat pizza. Barb's favorite vacation was when she went with her family to Opryland. The person she would like to meet the most is Barbara Bush.

If you haven't had a chance to talk with her, be sure to get up to the office and talk to her. Spend a little time getting to know her and you will find out how nice of a person she really is. She would be glad to help you in any way possible.



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Miss Yumi Yoshimoto

Interviewed by Kim Wittkop
Writing Lab II

On September 9, 1966, Yumi Yoshimoto was born. Miss Yoshimoto grew up in Osaka and moved to Hiroshima, Japan, which has been rebuilt since the atomic bomb that was dropped during World War II. She graduated from Itsukaichi High School in 1985 and in 1990 graduated from Hiroshima University with a B.A. in Education.

Kindergarden through senior high Yumi went to school 6 days a week, 11 months out of the year. In school, English was required for six years. They never spoke English much in class, instead they wrote it down on paper. She shared with me that English wasn't one of her favorite classes. Studying was empahazied very much. It was very important to do well in school, if you wanted to get into a good college.

Last May, Miss Yoshimoto arrived here from Japan. " I was nervous about coming to America. I had heard that America was very unsafe and dangerous to live in." Miss Yoshimoto commented, "I came to Iowa to see what real Americans were like."

Miss Yoshimoto became a teacher because she wanted to do something related to her culture. Her most memerable teaching experiance was the first day of school. Her most embarrasing time teaching was when she put up her middle finger and didn't know its meaning.

Miss Yoshimoto described herself as being a very intense and emotional person.

This is Yumi's first job. She also teaches at Dewitt Central High School. She enjoys her energentic students. "Teenagers need to have energy," she stated.

Miss Yoshimoto's religion is Buddisum. Her favorite food is grapes. Her favorite T.V. show is Perfect Strangers, and her favorite book is Momo.

She admires her grandparents. She says that they taught her to "Be Herself." They encouraged her throughout her lifetime.

Yumi Yoshimoto never dreamed of coming to America to teach her language to Americans. But now her dream is coming true.

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Mrs. Lorraine Young

Interviewed by Marty Lillis
Writing Lab II

Mrs. Young says that if she was not a library aide that she would like to work in a flower shop, "It would be fun to watch plants grow and to make beautiful arrangements."

Mrs. Young is married to Kenneth. She and her husband have a son named Ken, who is twenty-five. Mrs. Young and her husband own their own business that keeps them very busy.

Mrs. Young's favorite movie is The Sound of Music and her favorite t.v. show is Dark Shadows. She thinks that the best thing about North Scott would have to be the students. "The students at North Scott are so well behaved," Mrs. Young said.

She thinks that the worst thing about being a library aide is having to shelve all the books.

Mrs. Young doesn't think that the school year needs to be changed from 180 to at least 200 days. "I think the year is all ready long enough," she said.

Ten years from now Mrs. Young sees herself still working at North Scott or being an entrepreneur.